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Labour rift deepens over future of leader

The pressure on Mr James Callaghan not to stand as leader of the Labour Party until the party has decided how it wants to elect its leaders is likely to increase today when Mr Michael Foot, his deputy, is expected to ask him to stay. In fact on the matter is increasing, however, as the left and right factions divided among them selves.

Mr Foot may urge resignation delay

Michael Foot, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, is set to insist to-day that Mr Callaghan not to resign.

Foot rambled the issue of his

self-resignation over the party's new way of electing a

William Rodgers, one of

the former government minis

said yesterday, however,

he thought Mr Callaghan

should resign as "the best

part of the party".

Two conflicting views are

of the bitter and prolonged

struggle for power inside the

party with the leadership issue

going to a head. It was

decided last night that even

left and right factions over

particulars are to be adopted.

Denis Healey is seen as

likely winner of a parlia

mentary party contest if there

is next month. Mr Foot is

seen to believe Mr

Callaghan could win by 20 to 30

but some on the right issued

a warning that if he is

not prepared to stand and

face the parliamentary

against the trade unions

and constituency parties they

will support him.

It may well be part of a

plan to stiffen Mr Healey's

position by the right as seen by

the left over power

before some right-wingers

saying that the former

leader of the Exchequer gave

a determined decision

to leadership. Otherwise

it is felt on

that only Mr Foot

can stop Mr Healey.

As Mr Foot who influenced

Mr Callaghan not to call

an election last October

Healey will make his

known to his Shadow

colleagues on Wednes

day.

centra-right wants a

new election because its mem

bers do not believe that in the

new Mr Callaghan has

the parliamentary party

leadership they have

done.

Healey interviewed on

last night's *World at One*

time when he said he

needed to have somebody

only bring some complete

his passion to the leader

of the party in the very

period ahead.

Healey numbers himself

those of the centra

action who believe they

not support Mr Healey

now and January.

Tight law age limit flouted

minimum age limit of 18 for

holders of liquor is widely flouted; a

ment-sponsoring survey says. Its

ce is likely to lead to renewed

for the reform of licensing laws

new parliamentary session. Replies

in the youngest age group

in the study from 18 to 24 years

ed that on average they started

at 16.

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on curbs unlikely

JAMES PRIOR, Secretary of State for

Trade, gets his way. Fresh legisla

tion by trade union power is unlikely

the next parliamentary session.

Routledge writes. Instead his

Green Paper will be an examina

long-term options for regulating

international relations.

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reformed Uganda Army is

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by a well-armed force of former

troops who crossed from neig

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West Bank mayor deported by

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Arab cause by travelling 50,000

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Police review

of the police guidelines for

stop and search by the men on defence

intelligence met on

Ministry of Defence tomorrow. It

the first review in 48 years.

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Iraqis break through to threaten Abadan

From Robert Fisk
Um al-Rasas Island
Shatt al-Arab, Iraq
Oct 12

The first commandos of the Iraq Army broke through to the south bank of the Karun river on the Shatt al-Arab at 12.25 this afternoon; four tiny figures, running along the Khorramshahr quayside past lines of burnt-out, derailed railway trucks, hurling hand grenades down the dockside with the precision of cricketers. We watched them through Iraq Army binoculars from 400 yards away, peering above sandbags in a scrubby mud hut while an Iraqi sniper beside us blazed away at the Iranian lines on the other bank of the Karun.

It was an extraordinary sight, an infantry attack that might have come from one of those slightly romanticized First World War paintings, one running soldier after another on the quay, throwing themselves behind sandbags when rocks exploded round them and then hurling grenades at the last Iranian position on the river bank.

At last, it seems, the Iraqis

are taking the offensive that their supporters had so long hoped for and which their critics had so vociferously denied.

If Iraq can capture Abadan and so control both banks of the Shatt al-Arab, it has — at least in theory — succeeded in imposing physical sovereignty over the waterway that was the ostensible reason for the war.

Small sparks of fire marked

the Iranian fought back with machine guns and rockets. For over an hour their bullets hissed and whizzed through the small island plantation on which we had taken station, smashing into the palm trees above us and clanging off the metal pontoon bridge that connected the island to the Iraqi mainland.

Only hours earlier the Iraqis

had succeeded in crossing the Karun river two miles upstream from the Shatt al-Arab, sacking a tank section across the river and beginning the encirclement of the Iranians in Abadan. It was Abadan's local radio station that confirmed the successful Iraqi crossing, admiring their "energy troops" had "infinitely" taken the river front south bank of the Karun.

Behind them, Iraqi shells

smashed into a group of abandoned Iranian Chieftain tanks, deserted by their crews when their fuel was cut off.

All morning the Iraqi fired

salvoes of shells into Abadan,

an eerie, howling noise that

passed right over our heads on the little island: we

could see the shadows of the projectiles flitting across the water, and the little paddies,

then dropping towards

Abadan, where terrific explo

sions marked their point of impact.

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Shops and blocks of flats reduced to rubble in the once bustling centre of El Asnam.

Hopes fade in fight to save earthquake victims

From Jon Swain
El Asnam, Oct 12

Two and a half days after a powerful and devastating earthquake struck El Asnam, possibly killing more than 20,000 people, the means of the buried alive in the wrecked Algerian city are sometimes still painfully visible above the harsh din of the rescue bulldozers and the heavy earth-moving equipment tearing away at the rubble.

To save his life a surgeon had to amputate a leg while he was still buried in the rubble.

The operation was made more hazardous by the fact that the city was shaken by a small earth tremor in the middle of surgery.

Swing them, however, in some parts of the flattened city, such as the Hotel Cheif, where as many as 40,000 people are entombed, the struggle has been already abandoned.

The authorities have evidently appreciated that there is no way of moving the huge slabs of concrete and twisted metal girders that formed the hotel in time to save those trapped beneath.

Elsewhere in El Asnam there has been the occasional miracle. In the early hours of the morning after an exhausting and dangerous struggle in limited space, a joint team of Algerian and French gendarmes working in the glare of arc lights rescued a young man.

The man had been drinking coffee with his friends when the earthquake struck the city on Friday. The entire shopping centre of Nasr, of which the cafe is a part, collapsed like a house of cards and he was tramped with 3,000 others.

Nobody doubts that the El Asnam earthquake was Algeria's worst in memory and that scores of houses have perished. The first tremor, which measured 7.5 on the Richter scale, rendered large parts of the city uninhabitable and made more than its 125,000 population homeless.

The interior, President Chadli, who is due to meet the Queen during her royal visit next week, has toured the devastated area.

When I drove the 100 miles from Algiers to the ruined city late yesterday I found the road choked with lorry convoys laden with rescue equipment, tents, food and medicines moving towards the city and a stream of ambulances, sirens wailing, racing out of it.

The earthquake has caused serious damage to life and property within a 30-mile radius of El Asnam, which lies at the heart of a mountainous terrain made up of small farming plots and orange groves.

The city will have to be rebuilt, although in the midst of this tragedy few people welcome the prospect of continuing to live in a place twice struck by an earthquake in the space of a quarter century.

Paradoxically the most damaged buildings have been the city's most modern constructions which were built by the French after an earthquake in 1954 killed 1,000 people. They were intended to be earthquake-proof.

There is still much confusion and bewilderment about what has happened and no coherent assessment of the number of people who have died.

The speed and efficiency of the Algerian rescue mission has impressed everyone who has witnessed it. Within hours of the earthquake striking El Asnam the Algerian Government responded by mobilizing the Army, Air Force and gendarmerie and requisitioned thousands of ambulances, taxis and lorries.

Overall control of the rescue operation was given to Mr Benhamouda, the Minister of

Interior. President Chadli, who is due to meet the Queen during her royal visit next week, has toured the devastated area.

Paris, Oct 12 From Ian Murray

A group of young Jews today attacked and wounded Mihail Frederiksen, the leader of the Falaiseau Nationalists Europeens, the right-wing organization associated with the bombing of a Paris synagogue in which four people died.

M. Frederiksen, a bank employee, has formally denied that his group had anything to do with the bombing.

M. Frederiksen and four com

panions were attacked as they

were leaving the railway station at Rambouillet. A group of about 30 young Jews surrounded them and M. Frederiksen was stabbed in the thigh with a knife. Another of his group was also injured before the gang made off.

Shortly afterwards an anonymous caller to the Agence France-Presse news agency claimed that the attack had been carried out by "the Jewish Resistance".

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HOME NEWS

New curbs on unions unlikely in next parliamentary session

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Fresh legislation to curb the power of trade unions is unlikely during the forthcoming session of Parliament if Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, gets his way.

His ministry's Green Paper on trade unions and their immunities under the law, now being drawn up, will be a wide-ranging examination of the various long-term options for regulating industrial relations rather than a plan for further immediate legislative changes.

Publication of the Government's discussion document will not take place until December, and there will then be lengthy consultation on the basic issues it raises about the role of unions in society.

That leisurely timetable, it is argued by Mr Prior's supporters, was approved in principle by the Conservative Party conference last week, and there is therefore no cause for haste. At the earliest, a White Paper could be prepared for next autumn, with legislation coming in the 1981-82 session.

That moderate option, designed to give the recently implemented Employment Act time to "bed down", commands the support of many employers in industries where further curtailments of union power would create the sharpest reaction, and among Tory backbenchers who favour Mr Prior's cautious approach.

But in their weekend inquest on the mood of the party and its leaders, the so-called Tory "wets", who prefer to call at least a temporary halt to labour law reform, recognized that their strategy could founder on trade union pay militancy this winter.

Supporters of the Prior policy

argued that hard-liners in Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet, including the Prime Minister herself, would be tempted to go for fresh curbs on secondary industrial action and possible restrictions on primary strike action if there was a repetition of something like the 13-week steel strike early this year.

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Indeed, if some of Mr Prior's aides win the argument now going on in the Department of Employment, the document will also chart an alternative way forward which will almost certainly lead to intensified criticism of the minister. That formula, which has previously been aired by the confederation, would stand the present law on its head.

Instead of having wide-ranging immunities from civil action, the unions would be granted a carefully defined "right to strike" in law. It would formally set out what industrial action could be taken within the legal rights of trade unionists. By implication, all other action would be illegal.

Attempt to salvage oil rig delayed by weather

By John Huxley

Bad weather has delayed the start of work to right the Alexander L. Kielland accommodation rig for oilworkers, which capsized last March with the loss of 123 lives.

Work had been due to begin at the weekend. The operation is likely to take between five and seven days, but is not expected to get under way until Wednesday at the earliest.

The rig lies in Gandsfjord, near Stavanger, where it was taken after overturning in storms in the Ekofisk field, in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea.

The task of setting upright and salvaging the rig is being undertaken by SD Marine, of Southampton, and Nicoverken Norge of Stavanger. They won the contract, thought to be worth about £4m, against world-wide competition. SD Marine is a new company, part of the Structural Dynamics group, itself only four years old.

Anti-vivisectionists smash laboratory at university

From Our Correspondent
Sheffield

About fifty people protesting at experiments on animals yesterday raided a university animal laboratory, smashed it up and released two dogs.

The protesters, who came from all parts of Britain, converged on an isolated field laboratory used by Sheffield University on the outskirts of the city. After breaking into the building, in Blackstock Road, a group stole two dogs and caused damage estimated at about £1,000.

The police said that two dogs that were stolen had not been involved in tests.

The incident comes after recent criticism from animal welfare organizations about what they claim are terrible experiments carried out by researchers.

A report by the Anti-Vivisection Society earlier this month said Sheffield University

fear that hard-liners in Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet, including the Prime Minister herself, would be tempted to go for fresh curbs on secondary industrial action and possible restrictions on primary strike action if there was a repetition of something like the 13-week steel strike early this year.

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Plea to save heritage of neglected chapels

By Our Planning Reporter

A powerful plea for the preservation of Nonconformist chapels, a neglected part of Britain's architectural heritage, is made in a booklet published today.

It is the work of Mr Kenneth Powell, northern secretary of Save Britain's Heritage, who argues that the Nonconformist contribution to British life has been seriously undervalued.

Through men like William Penn, George Fox, Joseph Priestley, John Bunyan, William Booth, John Bright, Titus Salt, the Towneys and Lord Lever, it played an important part in the establishment of a free press, the rise of modern industry, and in social and political reform.

The splendour and variety of the buildings of Nonconformist worship are, and which are mostly illustrated in the booklet, flatly contradict the views of such eminent Victorians as Augustus Pugin, who spoke contemptuously of "cheap chapels".

But as Mr Powell points out, they have been and are still being rapidly lost. In 1972 there were 14,000 Methodist chapels in England and Wales; now there is barely half that number.

Part of that is due to the general religious decline, which has also affected churches of other denominations. But chapels have suffered more than most, as so many were built in areas of poverty and deprivation, economic decline and dislocation.

"New" suburban churches flourish, while the great town-centre chapels are filled only with the ghosts of generations of the faithful", Mr Powell writes. "The remote hillside tabernacles, to which people walked great distances Sunday after Sunday, are boarded and abandoned."

The richness, variety and, above all, immense vitality of Nonconformist architecture are an outward and visible sign of a dominant strain in English culture, Mr Powell states. "It has been too long a forgotten heritage and may soon be a lost heritage".

The Fall of Zion. Northern chapel architecture and its future (Save Britain's Heritage, 3 Park Square West, London NW1 4LJ, £2.50).

Scene shifting system at National to be scrapped

By Martin Huckerby
Theatre Reporter

The computer-operated system for shifting scenery on one of the two main stages at the National Theatre is to be scrapped.

When the rig is set upright the first one will be replaced by redistributing ballast and applying external buoyancy.

Valuable blowout equipment has been recovered and the decks cleared of obstructions.

About 370 buoyancy bag fittings have been fixed and monitoring equipment has been installed. That is linked to a computer on a control barge.

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The computer-operated system for shifting scenery on one of the two main stages at the National Theatre is to be scrapped.

The National is that after such a long wait it would be delighted with any piece of machinery, as long as it worked.

The flying system in the Lyttelton is not the only advanced equipment at the National which is still not fully working order years after the opening of the building.

The South Bank Theatre Board, the government-appointed group responsible for building and equipping the National, has decided it would be cheaper to install a new system in the Lyttelton Theatre.

Instead of the planned electrical flying system, the board wants to put in a hydraulic system the consultants would be examining its operation.

The task of setting upright and salvaging the rig is being undertaken by SD Marine, of Southampton, and Nicoverken Norge of Stavanger. They won the contract, thought to be worth about £4m, against world-wide competition. SD Marine is a new company, part of the Structural Dynamics group, itself only four years old.

The report added that in one experiment 26 dogs had their breathing interfered with so that scientists could monitor the effect and in another baby teeth were implanted into the cheeks of hamsters.

In another test by a Sheffield University departmental member carried out in Oxford monkeys and rats were said to have had part of their brain sucked out through a tube.

A protest march next weekend is expected to attract about a thousand people to the city to draw attention to experiments on animals. The university says it is replying to the allegations. "But we are involved in the use of animals are governed by an Act of Parliament. The Home Office is responsible for ensuring that the terms of the Act are strictly adhered to".

The prisoners are known as "reception cases" and are usually taken to prisons from

courts after being sentenced or remanded.

But prison officers are refusing to accept them because of industrial action being taken over payment for meal breaks.

Several jails in the Midlands region, including Birmingham, are understood to be affected.

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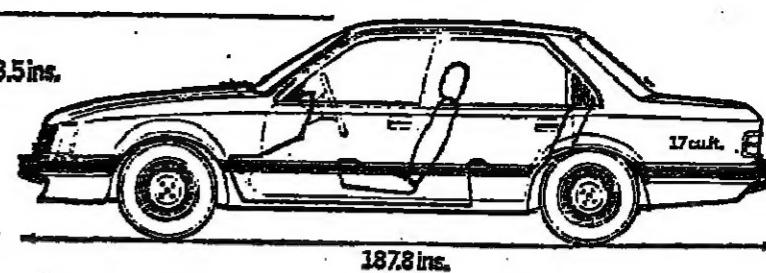
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Widespread flouting of the age limit for drinking, survey shows

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

The Government has been presented with evidence of a widespread flouting of the liquor licensing laws, which is bound to lead to renewed pressure for their reform in the new parliamentary session.

A government-sponsored survey to be made public in a week, shows that the minimum age of 18 for purchasers of alcohol is widely ignored. A survey of the youngest age group questioned, between 18 and 24 years, showed that on average they started drinking at 16, whereas people aged over 50 recalled starting on average they began drinking at 20.

The investigation was commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Security and was conducted by the Office of Population and Census Surveys in the autumn of 1978. It provides strong evidence that young people are drinking in licensed premises before they are 18.

Attempts to reduce the age limit have failed. The last was earlier this year, when a private member's Bill by Sir Nicholas Borsor, Conservative MP for Nantwich, failed because of lack of parliamentary time. Those pressing for a relaxa-

tion in the law say that it would be brought into further disrepute if an attempt was made to tighten the legislation, because it would not be enforceable. They argue for a recognition of realities, but any government-initiated reform is not expected this session.

The survey shows that men and women who drink heavily do so mostly in public houses, not in domestic premises, and consume relatively more beer or cider than light to moderate drinkers, who prefer wine or spirits.

It also shows that 6 per cent of men and 1 per cent of women report a weekly alcohol consumption that is considered a risk to health. The limits, based on a report of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, are four pints a day for men and three pints for women.

The group aged between 18 and 24 years shows a much higher proportion, 13 per cent of men and 4 per cent of

women, than light to moderate drinkers, who prefer wine or spirits.

Other groups, the survey shows to be heavy drinkers are single people aged between 35 and 54; those who are either divorced or separated; people employed in the manufacture or supply of alcohol; workers in the construction industry; unemployed men; and working women who have no children.

Ratio of teachers to pupils to remain unchanged

By Our Education Correspondent

Local authorities intend to make no change in the pupil-teacher ratio in schools. In spite of falling pupil enrolments, according to official statistics soon to be published, the average national pupil-teacher ratios planned for January 1981 are the same as those planned for last January.

The statistics have been drawn up by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and are based on estimates for 1980/81 provided by the local authorities.

They show that the national pupil-teacher ratio in primary schools is expected to deteriorate slightly to 22.7 to 1, compared with 22.6 to 1 last January, while in secondary schools it will remain at 16.3 to 1. In nursery education there is a slight improvement with the number of pupils a teacher expected to fall from 23.5 to 23.3.

Pupil-teacher ratios in individual authorities range in secondary schools from 13.1 in the London Borough of Brent to 17.8 in Essex and Somerset, and in primary schools from 18.1 in Brent to 25.3 in Lincashire and Somerset. Despite high inflation, the average annual cost of educating a child in a secondary school is expected to rise by only 11 per cent this year to £629 (excluding costs for administration,

meals and transport), and in a primary school by 13 per cent to £426. Nursery education unit costs are expected to rise by 7 per cent to £515.

Again, there is enormous variation between authorities, with the Inner London Education Authority heading the list of the biggest spenders for both secondary and primary education, where costs per child are £959 and £703 respectively.

Outside inner London, Brent (£808), Haringey (£796) and Harrow (£750) are the top spenders in secondary education, and Wakefield (£524), Dudley (£532) and Bradford (£536), the lowest spenders.

Secondary school figures have to be treated with caution, however, as in some authorities much or all of post-16 education takes place in tertiary colleges and those relatively high costs are not included in the figures.

In primary education outside inner London, Haringey (£530) and Brent (£516) are again the top spenders, and Dudley (£562) is again among the lowest spenders, along with Tameside, Sefton, Lancashire and Northamptonshire, with unit costs between £389 and £390.

Spending on books and equipment in secondary schools is expected to range from only £18 per pupil in Trafford and Bradford, and £19 in Wakefield, to £44 in Ealing, £46 in Harrow and £51 in the ILEA.

CIPFA hopes to be able to publish the 1980-81 education estimates in three weeks.

Cigarettes treble the risk of early death, 'Which?' says

By Our Health Services Correspondent

A guide to avoiding heart disease, which kills one man in three aged over 40, is published today by the Consumers' Association, publishers of Which?

Cigarette smoking, raised blood pressure and a high level of cholesterol in the blood are identified as the chief risk factors.

"Smoking 20 cigarettes a day approximately trebles the risk of dying from coronary disease before the age of 50," the book says.

It details some ways of giving up, and advises smokers not to adopt the fatalistic attitude that if they have smoked for a number of years, the harm is already done. "That is not true: it is never too late as far as giving up smoking is concerned. The increased risk of

heart disease starts to fall immediately and continues to fall," it says.

To cope with the other risk factors, the book advises people to ask doctors to check their blood pressure and suggests a low intake of dietary fat to avoid raising cholesterol levels.

It also deals with risk factors that are subject to more debate, such as the importance of exercise, stress, obesity and oral contraceptives and says that a number of factors are outside our control, such as heredity, dietetics and a high level of triglycerides in the blood.

The book also stresses the importance of seeking medical help for anyone suffering from unexplained pains in the chest, which should not be just dismissed as indigestion.

Avoiding Heart Trouble (Subscriptions Dept, Consumers' Association, Carlton Hill, Bedford SG3 7LL, £3.50).

The disfigurement of Britain, 8: A monumental planning disaster

Oil industry's wasteland put up for sale

By John Young

Portavadie lies about forty miles due west of Glasgow, on the shore of Loch Fyne, among the steep green and brown hills of the Firth of Clyde. It is approached overland by a single-track road which crosses a stretch of bleak moorland and looks as though it leads nowhere.

In a sense it does, for Portavadie is hardly a real place. Physically it exists in the form of several groups of bright blue huts and prefabricated buildings, some obviously modern, but already deteriorating blocks of flats, an electricity substation, a couple of cylindrical objects which might be oil tanks, and an array of flood-lighting towers built to illuminate Portavadie's main feature, a huge, empty drydock.

There are signs proclaiming that it is private property and warning people to keep out. Motorists are advised that no responsibility will be accepted for damage to their vehicles. Somewhat paradoxically, there are no spectators; there are no people; apparently there are not even any seagulls. The whole complex is enveloped in an eerie silence.



Mr Peter Walker, his wife Tessa and son Robin trying Kingdom Cox apples in London yesterday after the Minister of Agriculture was made a friend of the apple by the Apple and Pear Development Council.

£1m needed to help the elderly

By Pat Healy

Social Services Correspondent

Thousands of frail elderly people are living in desperate poverty without the special care they need, while others who need no more than a roof over their heads are in old people's homes, according to Professor Peter Townsend, sociology professor at Essex University.

He was speaking on the eve of the launching today of a national campaign by Help the Aged to raise £1m for extra care for the elderly.

Professor Townsend said, research showed that more than a third of the residents in some old people's homes needed neither nursing care nor help with every day tasks, yet more than half of local council expenditure on the elderly went on residential homes.

Help the Aged, which

will help more old people to live in their own homes in comfort and dignity, was both cheaper and more appropriate.

"He blames the situation partly on the division of responsibilities between local council departments. Social service departments could not offer sheltered accommodation to old people because that was a housing responsibility. Yet sheltered housing would be more economical and a more appropriate choice for many old people.

Oxford and Cambridge dons were not found to be unduly sympathetic to the Conservatives: support for Labour was exceptionally strong in the new universities.

Mr Hugh Faulkner, director of Help the Aged, said that the elderly could not wait for an economic recovery. He urged the Government and local authorities to reassess their priorities to divert more resources to the growing numbers of old and frail in the community.

The organisation hopes that money raised by the campaign will provide housing for about two hundred people and that thousands more could be helped through rehabilitation and community projects.

Man held after shooting at Post Office

By a Staff Reporter

The police late on Saturday arrested a man wanted for questioning in connection with an armed robbery at a post office in Bollington, Cheshire, in which a sub-postmistress was shot.

Robert Farhey, aged 27, is to appear before Macclesfield magistrates today on charges including possessing a shotgun and assaulting a police officer.

During the search for Mr Farhey the police sealed off the North Wales island of Anglesey. He was arrested in Handforth, Cheshire.

After the shooting Mrs Barbara Roberts, the sub-postmistress, had her right leg amputated at the thigh.

Seven injured by Ulster car bomb

By Annabel Ferriman

Health Services Correspondent

A seventeen-year-old girl, two elderly women and four police officers were injured by a car bomb explosion outside a post office in Warrenpoint, Co Down. The women and the girl were taken to hospital with severe shock and minor injuries when the windows of their homes were blown in by the blast on Saturday.

The police, who had

shaken off a parked car, one of which were destroyed. The Provisional IRA in south Down claimed responsibility for the explosion.

The Department of Health and Social Security is advertising this month for doctors wishing to participate in its part-time scheme, whereby a number of doctors with domestic commitments or ill health become part-time senior registrars in the post.

The aim of the scheme is to

improve career prospects for the increasing proportion of women coming out of medical schools, which will reach 50 per cent by 1990.

There are now only 1,300 women hospital consultants in England and Wales compared with 11,200 men.

But once the department has

approved a woman doctor as

suitable for a part-time senior

register's post, there is no

guarantee of a job, with

providing alternative posts

in the same area.

The scheme is cumbersome because the local trust committee

has to be consulted.

In February 1975, the tax-

payers' commitment had

already risen from £10m to

£14m. There was still no sign of

any orders but, it was

blithely stated, if the worst

came to the worst, the whole

marina and holiday village

The site was completed in

1976 and the agreement between

Sea Platform Contractors and

the Government was terminated

amidst a certain amount of re-

crimination. Local people were

heard to complain that the en-

vironmental sacrifices they had

been forced to make in order

to bring employment to the

area now appeared to be

wasted.

In July 1977, the Govern-

ment offered to lease the site

for a sum of £100,000 a year.

At about the same time the Com-

monwealth Games Committee

began to take an interest

in the site.

At the end of 1977, the

Government agreed to sell the

site to the Sea Platform Con-

tractors for £1.2 million.

Some months later, the Com-

munity was told that the site

had been sold to the Sea Plat-

form Contractors.

Work at Portavadie was

authorized barely a month later,

even though Parliament had

still to authorize the financial

arrangements. The firm com-

plex has since been put up for

sale through estate agents in

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UGANDA'S TROUBLED ELECTION

The overthrow of President Amin of Uganda was such a relief that for a while his successors were given the "benefit of every doubt". It is sad that they have not been more successful in maintaining law and order and formal security, or in building confidence in the elections. In the last month, Anarchy and famine in Karamoja were overcome only with the help of massive international aid. Now the West Nile savanna has been overrun by a small force of former soldiers and supporters of Mr Amin from Zaire (or possibly the Sudan). In fact Zaire, whose hold on the two extremes is tenuous, deserves being involved. The invaders are reported to have taken Arua, the provincial capital, and Pakwach, the former site of M'bad and Nile bridge. This could not have been possible if Uganda's army, its Tanzanianarrison of 16,000, and its police force, whose training by British experts began some time ago, had been competent.

It must seem incredible that Ugandan, of whatever tribe, could want the return of Mr Amin or any part of his regime. Reports that West Nile villagers welcomed the raiders have yet to be confirmed. If they are they are only constituting another instrument of the way Uganda is ill misgoverned. Brigadier Isaac Ongomo, leading the invasion, states that it has nothing to do with Mr Amin. He says he is serving the right of exiled soldiers and followers of Mr Amin to resume residence and participate in the elections, now postponed to December 10. However, the brigadier like Mr Amin and most of his intimates, a Kakwa, and most of these so crossed with him into Zaire.

THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF DIVORCE

Under English law it is possible for a second wife to have to pay maintenance to a first wife even after the husband in question has died, and possibly for many years afterwards. That is not a common occurrence, but it can serve as an example of the many injustices which are caused by the existing laws on the financial consequences of divorce. A sensitive Law Commission discussion paper drew attention to these last week.

The campaign for change has mainly come from husbands (and their second families), who claim they are being impoverished by the financial settlements imposed on them by the courts on divorce. But there is also a great deal of injustice the other way, with wives having to endure life-discomfort, while their former husbands live in style. Particular criticism has been levelled at the provision in section 3 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 which tells the courts that the objective is to put the married parties as far as possible in the financial position they would have been in had the marriage not broken down. That is clearly unattainable, and in some cases absurd, but removing it from the legislation would necessarily remove the existing anomalies. In practice, judges and registrars apply the more common-sense approach of doing the best they

can with the limited resources from the marriage. But the imposition of different criteria for dividing the assets, or having them paid in a different way, would still not suddenly get a quart from a pint pot.

The Law Commission has set out six possible models for change. All but one would require the application of some form of judicial discretion. The exception is to apply a strictly mathematical approach whereby, in effect, information such as the age of the parties, their assets and incomes, the duration of the marriage, and so on, are fed into a computer which would then determine, by a precise formula, what the financial arrangements were to be. That is a superficially attractive option. It would introduce certainty, but it would not necessarily mean equality of treatment. In a significant number of cases, there would be special circumstances which no mathematical formula could incorporate. As the Law Commission recognised there might still have to be a judicial tissue to adjudicate on those additional factors.

The other options listed in the discussion document all involve the application of criteria different from those laid down in the present law, but they too might be applied unjustly. That is not necessarily the fault of the judges or registrars. In most

cases there is, quite simply, not enough to go around, and one party will be bound to feel aggrieved. That fundamental fact of divorce will not change merely because the legal criteria for apportioning finances are reformed.

The Law Commission is right to point out that, at a deeper level, this debate is really part of the wider reassessment of the marriage relationship. Is it still expected to last for life and therefore to require the duties and obligations which flow from it to endure even when the parties are no longer together? Now that getting divorced is no longer based on proof of fault how far should the financial consequences of divorce still be affected by conduct?

At the heart of the debate is the changing position of women in society, and especially their access to employment and equal pay. The application of the present law is still strongly influenced by the different roles normally played by the husband and wife in marriage. Unless men and women achieve genuine equality of economic status — and even this would not solve the difficulties posed by having and caring for children — it will remain extremely difficult to deal with the financial consequences of divorce without some injustice to one side or the other.

David Wood

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they file out of Heathrow this afternoon to Strasbourg for a plenary session of the European Parliament United Kingdom and Irish MEPs better take note that there have been sown out of which a new politically important committee may be expected to fall a proposal argued cogently and in an impressive strategic sweep, the directly elected Parliament will now begin, at least modestly, to take the defence of western Europe into its logical range of jurisdiction. It is a long and complicated story, we had better move on. Last week, as Conservatives were in Brighton to hear Mr Denis Pym, the Secretary of State for Defence, eventually won that is indeed the decade of the general affairs committee of the European Parliament will be giving the proposal a fair wind in Strasbourg corridors and committee rooms.

There are, of course, some troublesome practical difficulties in any liaison between the European Parliament, which is now directly elected, and the WEU Assembly, which consists of delegations nominated from seven national parliaments. Not least important, the Nine and WEU do not match in composition, whether the Republic of Ireland nor Denmark belongs to WEU and Ireland has a tradition of keeping a neutral stand.

Beyond that, Greece and Spain will become members of the EEC during the decade of danger, and there is obviously no need for deep at Westminster to consider that the two votes cast against to Mr Tom Urwin and Mr Hardy, both of them to be placed among the most moderate right-minded Labour MPs it has my lot to know over the years the report has been based a resolution it reads as follows: "Assembly, considering that the European Assembly remains the European Assembly with

constituencies in defence ques-

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Not only will Dr Obote's strongholds in the north be overrepresented, but there will be separate ballot boxes for each party, which makes voting easier.

The proposal that there should

be foreign and Commonwealth observers of the election as in Rhodesia is still on the table, but some of the governments involved are rightly asking for explanations before they find themselves rubber stamping a prearranged outcome.

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COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 11: The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, was present this morning at the Annual General Meeting of the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus at Westminster Cathedral Conference Centre, London.

The Hon Mrs Muuro was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 11: The Duchess of Kent arrived at Heathrow airport, London, this afternoon from Germany.

H.R. Royal Highness, who travelled by an aircraft of The Royal Flight, was attended by Miss Carol Godman Irvine and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN.

The funeral service for Sir Wilfrid Hill-Wood will take place at St Paul's, Knightsbridge on Wednesday November 12, at 3.30 pm in Harrow School Chapel.

Birthdays today
Sir Gilbert Fleming, 82; Rear-Admiral John Grant, 73; Sir Anthony Grover, 72; Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier, 65; Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP, 55; Sir Geoffrey Vickers, VC, 86.

Memorial service
Sir Gordon Sutherland
A memorial service for Sir Gordon Sutherland was held at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, on Saturday. The Rev D. Caplin, dean, and the Rev F. Ursell officiated. The service was read by the Master of Emmanuel College, Dr D. S. Brower. Among the large congregation were:

Lady Sutherland (widow); Mrs M. Sutherland (daughter); Mr and Mrs J. W. Sutherland (son-in-law); Miss M. Sutherland (sister).

The Master of Trinity College and Mrs Barbara Sutherland, the Master of Emmanuel College, the Master of Jesus College, the Master of Pembroke College, the Master of Churchill College, the Principal of New Hall, the Master of Downing College, Mrs M. Sutherland (widow) and Canon Collyer, the President of Homerton College, the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, Sir Brian Stratford, representing Sir Philip P. Morris, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, Hoskyns and Treasurer.

A reception was held at Thorpe Hall, Thorpe Bay, Essex, and the honeymoon will be spent in Vienna.

Mr N. Cobbold
and Miss E. Dearden
The marriage took place quietly in London on October 9 between Mr Nicholas Cobbold and Miss Anne Dearden.

Mr A. D. Dunn
and Miss M. G. Hardwick
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Buntingford, between Mr Alexander Dunn and Miss Mary Hardwick. The Rev D. C. Frost officiated. Mr Jeremy Kerr and Mrs Williams, Professor and Mrs G. N. G. Dunn, Mr and Mrs Peter Williams, Professor P. G. Ashmore, Professor Head, Dr D. Baker and Professor R. Marshall.

Books in progress
The literature department of the Arts Council has taken over the running of the Books in Progress Register from the National Book League.

Today's engagements
The Duke of Gloucester opens International Conference of Building Societies, Festival Hall, 11.15; as president, National Association of Boys' Clubs, launches Club Week 1980, Guildhall, 11.55.

The Duke of Kent, as president, attends concert, members of King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, 56/58 Weymouth Street, 5.30; visits nurses' home, Beaumont Street, 5.50. Lunchtime music: Piano, violin, cello, St John's Smith Square, 12.15.

Gene bank to the rescue of rare cauliflowers

When Dr Peter Crisp is searching for rare cauliflowers in Italy his colleague, David Astley, will be seeking blowflies in Warwickshire. Each man's work will be intended to help in alleviating mass hunger and each will be warmly supported by Oxford.

Dr Crisp is resident National Cauliflower Research Station, near Warwick, where he reports that Italian smallholders are turning to modern, high-yielding varieties of cauliflower. He fears that nobody is bothering to grow the many traditional varieties which are not found elsewhere.

Such regional varieties used to be grown in Britain, and Cornwall was rich in cauliflowers until the Government sponsored a change to a few new varieties about 50 years ago. The old ones now extinct, produced a scatty yield, so they have been left to rot by a root rot, a fungus disease that breeders would now dearly love to eradicate.

25 years ago
Labour leadership
From The Times of Thursday, Oct 12, 1955
Maurice, Oct 12—Mr Herbert Morrison and Mr Hugh Gaitskell, the two strongest candidates for the succession to the Labour Party leadership, both affirmed that Socialists failed to be annual constituents of the party here today. Their declarations were both in answer to speakers of the left who, like Mr Bevan, have implied that anybody who does not believe in an unlimited nationalisation is not a true Socialist. But many believe that they are referring to the nature of implications for the position of party leader. Of the two there is no question that Mr Gaitskell was more successful today. He has not in the past shown anything like the ability of Mr Bevan—or of Mr Morrison—at his best—to arouse the enthusiasm of a Labour audience but he has—when Mr Bevan so conspicuously lacks—a deep respect for the forces which control the movement. He presented his case with great skill today... The applause which followed this peroration... must have done something to persuade the party that Mr Gaitskell is not only a wise economist but also a leader able to arouse a popular response.

Pope's remarks challenge accepted morality of marriage

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The American feminist movement, which has campaigned to have it established that rape may be committed within marriage, may not look to Pope John Paul II as a natural ally. But his proposition that a man may "commit adultery with his own wife" is as much a challenge to the accepted morality of marriage as theirs, and as much a challenge to the generally accepted usage of language.

In fact, the similarity between the two may go further than that, for the Pope's remarks, reported last week, refer to a desire in the heart. It was one of the teachings of Jesus that an intention and disposition towards adultery was not blameless just because it was not acted out. The desire in the situation starts at the moment of decision, in other words, and somehow compounded by the wife's knowledge that her church tells her it is her duty to submit.

As with psychologists so with moralists, there is a danger in trying to describe sexual normality, or prescribe it, based only on experience of abnormality or aberration. In a result, there have been many horrific stories of drunken Saturday night encounters, often with violence, and somehow compounded by the wife's knowledge that her church tells her it is her duty to submit.

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Pope John Paul II may be a traditionalist, but he has published love poetry and plays recently broadcast by the BBC, which show him to be a man of sensitivity and insight where relations between the sexes are concerned. He is greatly interested in dispositions and intentions, states of heart, mind and will; and his teachings on marriage always emphasize the rights and the dignity of married persons which he feels to be threatened by certain tendencies in modern society.

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It is unfortunate for him that the tradition from which he speaks is marred by a long-term devaluation of sexuality, a flaw which Roman Catholic theology is only now beginning to correct, and a long-term legalism about marriage which has coloured the development of sensitive understanding. Even now, as Roman Catholic churchmen head towards the light, most of what they say is for their own benefit, an audible dark aspect.

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to tease the will from so to yes, what acts are appropriate and which are not, and when.

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OBITUARY

BARONESS EMMET OF AMBERLEY

Life of service to the Conservative Party

Baroness Emmet of Amberley, who was Conservative MP for East Grinstead from 1955 to 1964, died on October 10 at the age of 81. She was a well-known figure within the Conservative Party and had previously considerable experience as a social worker, magistrate, lecturer and chairman of local government committees, which she put to effective use in the affairs of the party. She was Chairman of the National Union of Conservatives in 1955-56.

The Hon. Evelyn Waller, Baroness Emmet, was born on March 10, 1895, eldest daughter of the 1st Baron Amherst of Rode. She was educated at St Margaret's School, Tunbridge Wells, Margate, Kent, where, as a post-graduate, she studied French, German and Latin, and was a member of the London Society of Kindred, which included Sir George Gissing, Francis Swinburne and Italy, and had an extensive knowledge of these and most other European countries. She also spoke fluent Italian, French and German, and later was to lecture for the Foreign Office.

During the First World War she served as a nurse in France, and became chairman of the Red Cross in 1918. After the war she was appointed to the Board of Governors of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and in 1922 became a Member of the National Union of Conservative Women, and went on to become a Vice-Chairwoman.

In 1925 she became a Member of the House of Commons for East Grinstead, and in that year became chairman of the National Union of Conservative Women, and remained in the party until 1935, when she became a Member of the House of Commons for Tunbridge Wells.

She was elected a member of the London County Council for North Hackney in 1934, and represented this division on the Council until the 1935 LCC Elections, when she was defeated. In a considerable swing to the left, while serving on the LCC, she had chaired many committees, including the Hackney Hospital Committee and the Supplies Committee.

During the Second World War she took a prominent part in the activities of the WVS. From 1938 until the end of 1945 she was County Organiser for Sussex, and in this capacity she was responsible for all women's war work of the county outside the purview of the Red Cross and St John War Organisation.

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MR FRANK MORLEY

became a Vice-Prizefighter, Brass and of New York, and, after he served in the War Labor Board in 1943.

In 1947 he and resettled in England. He became a director of Sportswood and subsequently became a Major-General Bridgeman. In 1963 he was elected a Deputy Chairman of the Woolpack, also a Member of Committees of the Lords EEC Committee and the Supplies Committee.

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His right-hand opponent opened with a blow from the left, which he immediately reached a compact of six spades. The opponents collapsed in seven diamonds and were doubled.

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In 1925 he became a founder of the British Library, and in the following 10 years he worked closely with a variety of well-known authors, including T. S. Eliot, with whom he shared an office and a friendship. In 1939 he

two sons and two daughters died.

MR LESLIE H. BROWN

Mr Christopher Watson writes: It would be regrettable if the death of Leslie H. Brown on August 5 at 81, the distinguished agriculturist, ecologist and ornithologist, were to pass unrecognised and unknown. A number of his friends through the years will remember him as the first of 25 natural history, an outstanding reputation.

Born in India in 1898, Leslie Brown graduated from the University of Cambridge in 1921, the son of an eminent mathematician, he followed his two brothers, the writers Christopher and Felix (later Editor of "The Washington Post") Oxford and Rhodes Scholar. He received his Oxford Doctorate in Mathematics, was a fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and a fellow of the Royal Society.

During his long career, he gave support to many who have since become famous, and his life English letters is thus present in all including "The Great Road," "The Long Man" and "The Coping Stone." His biography, "The Century Companion," published by Frank Morley, has two sons and two daughters.

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\$68.450

Money

3-month sterling 15.15%
3-month Euro-S 13.12%
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Friday's close

IN BRIEF

Bacardi in new legal dispute with Courage

Bacardi, the drinks company, has filed legal proceedings against the Courage brewery, alleging that a substitute rum has been passed off as Bacardi Courage premises.

The move represents the re-opening of an old dispute between the two parties which had been resolved early last year when both sides settled a similar case lodged by Bacardi. The rum company has announced, however, that it has started proceedings against Courage and a number of its subsidiaries seeking redress for the alleged substitution of Dry Bacardi rum for Bacardi rum.

Drinkers arrested

Signor Gerardo Mariano and his Fabbricino, owners of a family bank in Naples, have been charged with receiving £35,000 lire (about £17m) breaking a number of Italian laws. Arrest warrants have been issued against the brothers, the Italian treasury ministry has ordered the Fabbricino bank, founded in 1921,

Exports to Brazil

Ecuador will raise its petro-chemical exports to Brazil by 100 barrels a day to ease the financial situation which Brazil faced with the reduction of oil prices from Iraq.

Canadian deficit

Canada's balance of trade in products with the United States has produced a \$1.110m (£448m) deficit on the Canadian side in the second quarter. Statistics Canada reports from Ottawa.

Machine tool dilemmas

The future of the machine industry rests more on industrial investment than export performance according to the Inter Company Committee, which says "lack of stability has meant a failure in making efficient use of highly skilled and experienced labour force".

Axican buyers

A delegation of 18 Mexican industrialists has arrived in Britain on two week machine buying mission. The visit, sponsored by the Machine Tool Manufacturers Association, follows a rise in sales by United Kingdom firms to Mexico in the first half of 1980. The 1979 figure was £1.8m.

Mortgage priority

The Abbey National, Britain's largest building society, earmarked £500,000 for a new incentive scheme agreed with the Welsh Development Agency. Borrowers moving to factories in Wales will give priority for loans.

Aluminium inventory

The total aluminium inventory reported by the International Primary Aluminium Institute was 3.639 million tonnes at the end of August, up from 3.477 million tonnes the previous month.

Clear agreement

ITG and Nuovo, one of the Italian ENI, have come to an agreement for the standardization of manufacture and engineering of components for the energy industry.

Agricultural computer

The Agricultural Finance Corporation in Zimbabwe has decided to handle some of the financing of its 23,000 farmers.

THE POUND

	Bank bills	Bank securities	Bank notes	Bank securities	Bank notes
Bank of England	3.06	3.01	3.06	3.01	3.06
National Soc. Sch.	31.99	36.20	32.51	36.20	32.51
Barclays	72.51	65.80	71.00	65.80	71.00
HSBC	72.55	72.58	72.55	72.58	72.55
Standard Chartered	72.55	72.58	72.55	72.58	72.55
Montreal Trust	13.75	13.20	13.75	13.20	13.75
Midland Bank	9.14	8.74	9.14	8.74	9.14
Leeds Bank	10.38	9.90	10.38	9.90	10.38
Ches. Dr.	4.48	4.07	4.48	4.07	4.48
West. Dr.	106.00	104.07	106.00	104.07	106.00
Nat. Nat.	11.19	11.15	11.19	11.15	11.19
Bank of Scotland	2150.80	2050.00	2150.80	2050.00	2150.80
Bank of Ireland	525.00	500.00	525.00	500.00	525.00
Bank of England	4.67	4.65	4.67	4.65	4.67

Government set to tighten controls on growth of short-term money supply

By Melvyn Westlake

It now looks certain that changes will be made in the present methods of controlling the money supply. The details will be announced in a few weeks, but it seems increasingly unlikely that the Government will adopt the radical system of monetary base control where the commercial banks are obliged to keep a specified proportion of their deposits at the Bank of England, and interest rates are set by supply and demand.

More probably, changes will be aimed at achieving greater short-term control of monetary growth, broadly within the present system, retaining some discretion for the authorities over the level at which interest rates are set.

To do this, the Bank of England and the Treasury have been looking at ways of smoothing government expenditure throughout the financial year. They are also considering new ways of marketing government debt, for example, by putting bonds up for auction.

It is hoped that by smoothing the flow of funds in and out of the economy, it would be possible to reduce the fluctuations in the growth of the money supply. Wild short-term fluctuations are not only destabilising but also cast doubt on the Government's resolve and its ability to control the growth of the money supply in the longer term.

After the surge in the money supply this summer, Mrs Thatcher instructed the Bank of England and Treasury to find a better method of control. A joint review of methods by the Bank and Treasury has been under way for some time, and Mrs Thatcher has said it must now be concluded quickly.

This summer's debacle has been politically embarrassing for Mrs Thatcher. Consideration of new methods of monetary control, which has been proceeding at a leisurely pace for many months, has been given a new urgency.

A variety of schemes for tightening monetary control have been examined. One of the main arguments in favour of a completely automatic monetary system is that it would take decisions about interest rates out of the hands of politicians, who are usually reluctant to see rates rise sharply.

However, these arguments do not seem to have won many converts in Whitehall, and the weight of academic opinion appears to be against a radical change in monetary control.

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About that time, the Government will also be publishing the latest forecasts for the economy, as well as announcing decisions about cash limits for central Government and nationalised industries in 1981-82 and the level of the new system of monetary control, the effects of which could be very

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MANAGEMENT

There is nothing, but nothing, more infuriating to the British consumer, than to hear British manufacturers moan about the effects of unfair competition and an overvalued pound, when the said consumer would be quite happy to pay over the odds for British goods could he (or she) find any to compare with their foreign counterparts for suitability, style, or plain boring old reliability.

British companies are very prone to blame their woes on the wicked world outside—on the activities of doctrinaire politicians and power-mad bureaucrats, on economic developments over which they have no control and even, occasionally and astonishingly, on their fickle and disloyal customers.

No one doubts that conditions have been tough, particularly over recent months, on the pound, and especially against the currencies of all our major trading competitors. But over the long term, have British companies in fact brought many of their woes upon themselves by failing to identify their customers' requirements or, even where they have identified them, by failing to satisfy them adequately? That is the question at issue in the debate, which begins on this page today, on the quality of British marketing and its contribution to our economic performance.

There is more to marketing than simply identifying what the customer wants and what the company can supply at an adequate profit. There is also the question of how the goods are to be sold and whether and how well they can be serviced thereafter. Is it true that the British tend to be bad at all this?

Granted that human beings have a greater capacity for remembering the occasions on which they have been sold a pup (or possibly not sold anything at all) than the occasions on which they have been quite satisfied, it is still painfully easy to come up with examples of British companies failing down on their job—and very often for what appears to the outsider to be ludicrous reasons, nothing to do with the great unfriendly realities of cost and time.

There are the basic failures to produce what the customer wants, like the British textile companies which, infuriatingly,

Now that the crutches have fallen away...

We open a debate this week on the merits or otherwise of British marketing. The question put to three experts

was "Are the British bad at marketing and, if so, has this been an important cause of our poor industrial performance since the last war?" Their views, which we shall publish during the next three weeks are revealing. So is the story of a major marketing success by a British company which will be part of the series.

This week Adrienne Gleeson introduces the debate with a consumer's view while Eric Morgan (right), managing director of British-American Cosmetics, suggests that British marketing suffers from some fundamental weaknesses.



produce wonderful clothes one year and then leave their devotees to wear them in pieces in the vain hope of a repeat performance. There are the electrical appliance manufacturers whose appliances go wrong in exactly the same fashion, not in one case (isolated failure of quality control), not in two (a fluke?), but in three (bloody awful product).

Then there are the failures at the point of sale, like the carpet manufacturers whose accounts proclaim them to be in desperate trouble, yet whose

products cannot be bought without waiting less than a six week's wait.

Of course, it costs money to hold caravans in stock, but why not cut back on the range and hold the most popular in bulk; or split the range into those which are readily available and those which must be ordered in advance, as restaurants do with their more exotic dishes?

Then there are the failures of after-sales service, like the appliance manufacturer whose products came back from repair completely unusable, when they went away only faulty; or to the large engineering group,

he must turn up between 9.30

and 5 pm Monday to Friday (making time off work to buy British?) and make do on a 20-minute spin down the road with a salesman in the back. In this case the agent's Italian competitors not merely arranged for a Saturday trial but turned the car over for half a day.

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of OAOs and Country and Country are not likely to induce the British to buy what they do not want. And they certainly will not work with the rest of the world.

Marketing—vital in the push for profit

"The British" are not bad at marketing—some Britons are. British consumer goods companies are generally more skilled in the marketplace than their European rivals and the best British firms are the equal of anything found in America.

There are reasons for this, including the fact that many marketing executives in Britain were educated in American companies. Even more important, however, is the effect of competition; consumer goods companies have not just noticed that the world is hard—they have always had to fight for their lives.

Sickly consumer goods companies simply die off like Spartan babies exposed to the chill winds of professional competition.

Heavy industrial companies in Britain have not had the same experience and, for the most part, have not developed the same resilience. For many years they have lived costly with few competitors, in a protected environment, able to survive in spite of poor design, poor service and unprofessional attitudes.

Part of this protection has been the short-sighted comfort of a soft currency. This works in two ways: it allows you to sell overseas at your normal prices in the local currency and so you

bring home more pounds sterling with which to protect inefficiency and low productivity in the original factory and/or it enables you to sell overpriced goods and give poor service because your goods are so cheap that the overseas buyer cannot resist them.

Such protection is dangerous because these mechanisms do not go on working indefinitely. Eventually, the inefficiencies produce such cost increases that the goods can no longer compete on price. Meanwhile, the products and services have become nasty as well as cheap, and so now there is nothing left to recommend them.

Years of talk about the virtues of devaluation have joined with domestic propaganda in favour of cheapness to produce a very dangerous attitude of mind in our country. Even if "cheap and nasty" may help to start to develop some export trade, it will not sustain it for long, with such a policy you are always vulnerable to a competitor who is even more desperate than you are—but not to the local consumer, who need not worry about foreign competition, nor to clamour for that other short-sighted protection-import restrictions.

There is an added bonus in such an attitude—it produces strength in your market position as well as ability to compete outside your borders. If you have value to offer to your local consumer, you do not need to worry about foreign competition, nor to clamour for that other short-sighted protection-import restrictions. You must, of course, communicate this value to your consumers by means of relevant advertising and sales promotion.

Perhaps this represents a charmingly tolerant way to live a life of low pressure, but it is not efficient; it soon leads to discontent and to the pressures resulting from uncontrollable economic performance.

Social attitudes in America, Germany, Switzerland and Japan are different from ours. They live with competitive pressure and consider it respectable. Most of the time their currencies have been hard or very hard.

They have had no option to export goods which were cheap, no matter how nasty they could have designed them to be. So they have taken the other approach. They add value. They concentrate on quality, reliability and service.

These cost money—but consumers are glad to pay higher prices if they get value for their money. Cheapest is not best; what matters is value.

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In any case, wines would not suit Moët's financial objectives.

In London last week Moët executives were confident that they had identified the right sort of research-based activity to produce the new phase of growth for the 1980s and will

at the same time maintain the identity so assiduously built up during the 1970s.

In preparation for such a major move, Moët announced ten days ago that it was raising 210m francs by way of a one for six rights issue, increasing its share capital by an eighth.

A fairly big right issue by French standards, it would have been more but for the dilution it would have caused for this still essentially family-controlled group.

Part of the money will be used to fund its purchase earlier this year of Schieffelin, its main United States distributor, but the rest is in reserve for the imminent expansion.

This week top directors will be touring the main European financial centres to drum up support for what used to be one of the most internationally-owned of all French concerns because of its unique monopoly position. The next step will be crucial.

Ronald Pullen

Accordingly, the Department of Industry has bought a hundred microcomputers, each worth £2,000, to be given to secondary schools that put forward the best ideas for using computers to almost all the entries," says Mr John Major, head of the Department of Industry's electronic applications division, "in the sense that the schools have been let down by society and by industry."

The entries prove that the young people of Britain could use microcomputers and processors imaginatively, but that there is a sorry lack of electronic equipment with which to pursue the interest.

"This," the DoI believes, "is one of the prime reasons why there are not the sixth formers and graduates coming forward

to strengthen industry's launch into the microelectronic age."

The 100 computers (manufactured in Britain by Research Machines of Oxford) have a wide range of software developed for use in schools. They are to be presented to the competition winners next month.

About 20 further computers are also likely to be available for distribution to schools as a result of contributions made by a very few organizations, such as BAT, Shell, the Post Office and the Institute of Electrical Engineers. The support for the scheme from industry at large, however, has been disappointing, probably largely owing to the fact that industry has not been very aware that its financial support was required.

Sydney Paulden

now in dire straits, which has not merely subcontracted all sales and servicing on one of its product ranges, but has also ensured that only its subcontractors can buy the spare parts.

But, though such experiences suggest that there are still plenty of British companies in which making comes first, selling comes second and satisfying the customer comes a long way after that, is it fair to say the whole of British industry with the same brush?

Some British industries have always been intensely aware of their customers' requirements, though they have tended to be those operating in the competitive domestic market (soap powder, convenience foods, life assurance) rather than the big world outside. Others have become acutely conscious of their customers' requirements over the past two decades (construction companies, furniture manufacturers, book publishers) or even, more recently, still (British Rail).

In so far as companies have

become more sensitive to their customers' needs it has been in response to increased competition; and for many British industries competition has not been a serious problem until quite recently. It was not until the early 1970s that反省 the situation changed in Britain. It was not until the late 1970s that the internationalizing of manufacturing outpaced manufacturers' combinations and it was not until the 1980s that resale price maintenance became illegal.

For most of the 1970s and the early 1980s Britain enjoyed a series of economic booms which helped to shield its companies. Indeed there had been the Empire and the English language—crucial to the weak as well as springing to the strong.

Now that the crutches have fallen away, the questions we are asking are these: are the British capable of identifying what people want? Can they make and sell it at a price that people are prepared to pay? Because, if not, we might as well resign ourselves to continuing economic decline.

Appeals to Oftau and Country are not likely to induce the British to buy what they do not want. And they certainly will not work with the rest of the world.

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are extremely generous for a relatively small supplier—for example 315,000 pairs of trousers, 225,000 blouses—and so their almost threatening request for a quota of more than 2,000,000 shirts is not surprisingly being actively resisted by the Government.

What is not generally known is that Indonesia was, between 1960 and 1975, a substantial buyer of wool cloth from Britain. Since that date imports of our cloth have, for obvious reasons, been subject to periods of total ban or penal import duties ranging from more than 100 per cent to a current 76 per cent.

Indonesian textiles, while subject to quota enter Britain duty-free.

Yours faithfully,
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EEC consumer representatives

From Miss Ann Davison
Sir, While your Business Diary column of September 19 was right to point out the discrepancy both in resources and numbers between consumer representatives and their business counterparts, and their responsibilities, it would be helpful if readers were to gain an appreciation of what volunteers like Anne Davison receive. Likewise, the CECG members working for consumer groups in the EEC receive help from the group as a whole.

Consumers must be courted and pleased if profits are to be made. Good design, reliable performance and ready service will win, if they are supported by intelligent planning and relevant advertising and sales promotion.

Eric Morgan

United Kingdom consumers of EEC companies. In this case, because of the technical nature of trade mark legislation, we have set up an expert working party which includes lawyers to advise Mrs Thomas in her work for consumers.

Twenty-two member organisations sit on the CECG. Whichever authority provides the resources, the CECG members working for consumer groups in the EEC receive help from the group as a whole.

Yours sincerely,
ANN DAVISON,
Secretary,
Consumers in the European Community Group (CEG),
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JAMES WILLIAMS
(aged 9),
76 Deering's Road,
Reigate,
Surrey.

Book-loving snail

From Master James
Sir, Reading Mr Hartley's letter (OCT 10) I am sorry to say that my copy of the National Coal Board's "Book of Books" was lost in the post. I am sure that the book was sent to me by mistake, as I have never ordered it. I am sure that the book was sent to me by mistake, as I have never ordered it.

On EEC matters such as the proposed legislation on the European trade mark, it fails to the CECG (Consumers in the European Community Group) to coordinate the work of the United Kingdom consumer movement and to provide whatever assistance and administrative help is possible for volunteers representing

London Bridge to Mexico.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Britain will share in work on nuclear reactor

From Mr B. W. Skelcher
Sir, Contrary to the statement made by G. A. Harrold (October 7) there is no proposal to build a fast breeder reactor at Sizewell. What the CEBG has said is that it intends to seek permission to build a pressurized water reactor on that site. There is, of course, an enormous difference between these two reactor types.

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However, this is not for the CEBG, whose task is to provide the consumer with a cheap and reliable source of electricity. It is clear from the fact that so many other countries have chosen to build PWRs that they may have advantages which the CEBG cannot afford to neglect.

Even if Sizewell "B" is built in the world, the work will go to America. Indeed, the construction will be carried out by British labour. British firms will supply a large part of the peripheral equipment.

As far as sites near the Minster Reserve is concerned, I only comment that the "A" station seems to have feathered friends; even have encouraged Yours faithfully,
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Buy British appeal

From Mr J. C. Birns
Sir, Sir Michael Edward, British Leyland, is already pleading with his public to buy British.

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of Indonesian shirts are extremely generous for a relatively small supplier—for example 315,000 pairs of trousers, 225,000 blouses—and so their almost threatening request for a quota of more than 2,000,000 shirts is not surprisingly being actively resisted by the Government.

Let me explain the textile situation with Indonesia. She

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Underwriting the entrepreneur

The odd thing about the debate in the cabinet on Thursday on a loan guarantee scheme for small businesses is the almost complete absence of any real public discussion which has taken place in the past year.

This vacuum has arisen in spite of the fact that the general idea has been constantly in the offing ever since Mr Harold Wilson's first small business package during the last Government. The debate has never opened simply because the opposition has never come out in the open with the exception of the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation's evidence to the Wilson Committee. A few months ago the government against have emerged in a somewhat muddled form but they break down into a broadly economic and the more general banking considerations.

The economic arguments centre on the increase in the Public Sector Borrowing requirement implied by the some estimates £500m which would go into the hands with Government underwriting.

This would both tend to depress oil prices, put some upward pressure on interest rates and generally add another tick to the management of the oil market. This is obvious response is that guaranteed notes that involve ploughing resources into productive industry surely serve at least to be able to compete with existing vast portfolio of Government securities.

In addition, of course, experience in other countries suggests the scheme would be profitable overall, though estimates of the rate, varying from 2 per cent to 8 per cent, are clearly a significant uncertainty.

On the banking side the arguments are clearly now polarising into something enabling a slugging match as to whether banks can do the job or not. The arguments that they cannot centre on their occupations with a set view of gearing is a need for security as well as on their apparent preference for overdraft financing. All its attendant uncertainties as far as the businessman is concerned.

The banks are replying by saying they are trying higher levels of gearing these days by introducing schemes tailored to small businesses, both of which have failed to press the lobbyists. Finally, of course, is the jealously guarded terrain of the manager whose position will be decided by a centralized loan agency.

In balance this debate is far from over.

A hurried rejection on Thursday would make sense. The pro-small business case are now to draw in the Chancellor in some form of inquiry into the possibilities. But, although the arguments recently favour the lobbyists if only because they have spoken out, the final decision will probably be based on the difficulty attached by the Government to the ability of small businesses to generate employment and that is an imponderable.

I shares after the an-Iraq war.

ilities in the Gulf have underlined just how much sentiment in the oil share market has changed since the early summer. A year there was no holding the stock market the aftermath of the Iranian revolution this time round investors have convinced themselves that in spite of the potential location to the West's oil supplies if the sites of Hormuz are closed oil prices are going to jump again to provide the tors with the profits bonanza they enjoyed a year ago.

War between Iran and Iraq has also put for the time being to the carefully laid plans of Saudi Arabia to introduce a system long-term predictable and automatic oil increases. As fighting between two of member countries continues, Opec looks more disarray than ever.

The arithmetic of oil supplies is such that if there were no increase in production by an Opec member to make up the losses from Iran and stocks in the West would still be only higher than normally acceptable at end of the year at well over 100 days' assumption.

Business Diary profile: Arbitrational Sir John

appointment of Professor Sir Hugh Clegg as chairman of the Central Arbitration Committee on comparable prizes, the right to hear a man who once one of the most influential practitioners of industrial relations and yet one of the least known of public men.

The committee's hearings are deliberately held in places and in a manner that is much different from the "judge and jury" atmosphere of the court room.

Arbitration, Sir John says, differs from the court in that it is far easier to arbitration to remove from the parties only such of their rights or powers as are necessary to solve the problem.

If you go to a court with a contract you get a judgment and both sides may be unhappy about it, but you get the judgment and the judge says that is what it is, hands it down and goes off to do something else."

Sir John much prefers, where possible, for parties in a dispute to produce their own solution rather than having one imposed on them.

In private life, Sir John is a highly respected commercial lawyer, who teaches at the university in his native Sheffield. He has held the Edward Bramley chair of law since 1969.

Sir John's entry into public life came purely by chance. He was asked to be a wage council member of the third independent members of the wage council because he knew the second independent member.

Previously, he had been reading law and practising at the bar in Manchester.

One wage council followed another and by the late sixties he had a reputation in White



Wood's name, Arbitration his game: Professor Sir John Wood, chairman of the Central Arbitration Committee.

man of the professional footballers' negotiating committee which deals with terms of employment.

For the last two years he has chaired the football league's appeals committee. When a player ends his contract and moves from one club to another and the clubs cannot agree a transfer fee it is Sir John's committee that steps in.

He is more and more convinced of the value of arbitration as a tool for the settlement of industrial disputes. He would like to see the establishment of a national arbitration service. He believes arbitration should be developed as an institution familiar to everyone, that it should develop different techniques from legal ones and yet be firmer and more authoritative than conciliation.

He accepts that the obscurity in which the Central Arbitration Committee operates has its disadvantages. "It is not known and its good and bad points do not get the sort of discussion they ought to."

Sir John's term of office at the CAC comes up for renewal at the end of this year. One gains the impression that he would wish to carry on.

But he will only say: "There is a job to be done... whether I am the right person to do it or whether it needs someone with more flair for publicity is something that has been seriously worrying me because I am not too interested in me. I am really interested in the institution—and I genuinely believe the court have got it terribly wrong."

Richard Evans

Stumbling into a new world monetary system

SHARE OF NATIONAL CURRENCIES IN SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHT VALUE OF WORLD OFFICIAL RESERVES (per cent)

	1972.II	1974.II	1975.IV	1976.IV	1977.IV	1978.IV	1979.IV Excluding ECU
US dollar	84.6	64.3	85.1	88.6	85.1	62.1	85.1
Pound sterling	7.0	6.1	4.1	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.9
Deutsche-mark	5.6	6.5	6.6	7.4	8.5	10.3	10.7
French franc	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.9
Swiss franc	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.6	2.2	2.0	2.6
Netherlands-guilder	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7
Japanese yen	—	—	0.6	0.6	1.2	2.5	3.3
ECU	—	—	—	—	—	14.7	3.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1 First quarter
2 European currency units
Source: IMF Annual Report 1980.

While we have all been looking the other way, the international monetary system has been reformed. Not with a bang and an international agreement, it is true, but just by the pressure of events.

We have all intents and purposes moved off the dollar standard in to a new set of arrangements in which countries have accepted the idea that they must have multi-currency reserves. The change opens up some intriguing options for further development.

Money is a medium of exchange and a store of value and to fulfil those roles we need some measuring rod to compare it against. Until 1971 that measuring rod was the dollar. The world's currencies, with very few exceptions, had a fixed parity against the dollar which governments defended with greater or lesser conviction.

President Nixon's measures of August 1971, which ended dollar convertibility, broke up that system and left the world with a dollar dilemma.

Although the United States currency could never again have the same certainty, the world had nothing to replace it in the early years of floating rates. Most countries with exchange rate targets set them in terms of the dollar. The overwhelming majority of official reserves other than gold were held in dollars, and dollar stability was seen as the key to international currency stability.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

New bond for US railways

A new type of Eurobond issue backed by railway rolling stock as security is being launched today by Manufacturers Hanover Ltd, the British subsidiary of Manufacturers Hanover Trust, the international American banking group.

The Trailer Train Company, the United States rail equipment group, owned jointly by 29 railroad companies, representing virtually the entire industry, is issuing a 12-year \$40m Eurobond.

The coupon is 13½ per cent and, because of a sinking fund which starts in the first year of the bond's life, the average life of the bond is 7.55 years. The issue has obtained an "A+" rating for financial soundness.

The security for the bonds are Equipment Trust Certificates backed by railroad cars described as intense lobbying

International

Yugoslav credit talks

Representatives of about 30 international banks are due to meet in London this week for the second round of negotiations on a \$300m plus Eurocredit for the National Bank of Yugoslavia, banking sources say.

The meeting has been set provisionally for October 16 and follows what bankers have described as intense lobbying

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BROUGHT WITH INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 25TH FEBRUARY AND 25TH AUGUST THIS Stock is an investment holding within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961. Application has been made to the Council of the Stock Exchange for the Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorised to issue up to £1,150,000,000 of Stock. This Stock will be a charge on the National Debt Commissioners for public funds under their management.

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The Stock will be repaid at par on 25th February.

The Stock will be registered at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast, and will be transferable. In respect of one new portion, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1966, transfers will be free of stamp duty.

Interest will be payable half-yearly on 25th February and 25th August. Interest warrants will be transmitted by post. The first warrant will be made on 25th February.

Interest must be lodged not later than 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 16th October or not later than 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 15th October, 1980 at any of the branches of the Bank of England or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England. Each tender must be for one amount and at one price. The minimum amount of tender will be £100. Tenders must be made at the minimum price of £95. Tenders issued without a price being quoted will be deemed to have been issued at the minimum price.

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OVERSEAS

Former Amin soldiers win control of large areas of Uganda

From Charles Harrison

Nairobi, Oct 12
The Uganda Army, recruited and trained after the fall of President Amin last year, is facing its first challenge from a well-armed force of former members of the Amin army who have captured large areas of the West Nile district in north-west Uganda after crossing from neighbouring Zaire and Sudan.

News from the area is still sketchy, but Ugandan officials say the Government is no longer in control of areas in the north and west of the district. Mr Otema Alimadi, the Ugandan Foreign Minister, said in Kampala that the town of Arua had been captured, normal air services to Arua had been cancelled, and communications cut.

The Uganda Army has been commanding lorries and buses in Kampala to carry supplies and reinforcements to the north. The West Nile district is separated from the rest of Uganda by the Nile, with only one bridge across the river, at Palwach, in the south-east of the district.

Uganda's Government leaders, including Mr Paul Muwanga, chairman of the ruling Military Commission, have described the invaders as bandits, and former members of the Amin army. The Government has protested to Zaire and Sudan about the attack.

Large numbers of Ugandans, including many members of the army and police force, fled into Zaire and Sudan last year when Tanzanian troops drove out

President Amin. Many have since returned to Uganda, but there were probably 20,000 remaining in Sudan and Zaire, including a large proportion of former soldiers.

Recently Brigadier Moses Ali, who was Finance Minister under President Amin, announced that he was chairman of the Uganda National Rescue Front, an organization formed among the exiles in Sudan, Zaire and other countries. He said they wanted to return to Uganda.

He issued a warning that the front would resort to armed struggle if its members were not allowed to return peacefully. He said the front had no connexion with Mr Amin, and did not support him.

It appears that this threat has now been implemented. Unconfirmed reports say that the invasion was well planned and coordinated, and the attackers had little difficulty in securing control of Koboko, Yumbo, Moyo and Bondo before moving further south.

The reported leader of the invading force is led by Major-General Isaac Lumago, a Christian who was President Amin's Defence Minister and Chief of Staff. He was reported to have clashed with Mr Amin early last year. He is Kakwa, as were many members of the Amin regime. The Kakwa live in the West Nile area.

Last week's attack appears to have been timed to coincide with the start of preparations for parliamentary elections in December.

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Rescue workers help a young victim from the rubble of El Asnam after the earthquake.

Red Cross in big relief operation

By Our Foreign Staff

The international red cross yesterday prepared one of its biggest relief operations in the light of reports that the death toll in Friday's west Algerian earthquakes could exceed

affected areas around the town of El Asnam.

Mr Vuitant reported that the earthquakes had affected a region 100 kilometres (65 miles) around the epicentre.

A league spokesman said the president of the Algerian Red Crescent speaking on television had predicted a death toll of more than 20,000.

British charities have so far pledged about £200,000 in cash and emergency supplies for the victims of the Algerian earthquake, a Red Cross spokesman estimated last night. The first plane load of supplies was due to leave Gatwick airport, and a public appeal for aid is likely in the next 24 hours.

A £100,000 cargo of tents and blankets, provided by the Red Cross, the Government and

Oxfam, was aboard the Boeing 707 leaving Gatwick last night.

Elsewhere the Canadian Red Cross has promised aid worth \$15,000, but there was no confirmation of a Libyan offer of \$10m announced by the Libyan press agency, Jana, East Germany and Omani joined the 30 countries which are sending aid to Algeria.

From Geneva two representatives of the League of Red Cross Societies were reported to be reconnoitring the stricken areas to determine relief needs.

The United States was sending coats, blankets and tents as well as a team of experts to assess the damage and relief supply needs, the State Department said in Washington.

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Mr Demirel and Mr Ecevit, a retired colonel, aged 63, chairman of the neo-Nazi Nationalist Action Party, could be sentenced to death according to Article 149 of the Turkish Penal Code, for having "led" a movement aimed at "arming the people against each other to commit mass murder".

Together with Mr Turkes, the leading figure of the Turkish far right, who was first detained for protest actions in 1944, 16 activists and 10 other members of the NAP will be put on trial before a military tribunal in Ankara. Warrants have been issued for the arrests of 36 other members of the NAP, or of its sister organization, the Idealist youth associations which are believed to have served as fronts for armed right-wing terrorist groups.

Mr Turkes, however, was the only political leader placed

under arrest: Mr Necmettin Erbakan, the leader of the National Salvation Party, and most of his nine friends to stand trial for having attempted to set up a theocratic state and overthrow the secular regime, were freed. So were Mr Suleyman Demirel, the former Prime Minister, and Mr Bolent Ecevit, the Opposition leader

Mr Demirel and Mr Ecevit were flown back from the military holiday village at Hamzakoy, near Galipoli, where they were under protective custody since the coup of September 12.

Other than the 16 MPs from Mr Turkes' party, few parliamentarians were arrested. Among them were three from the Republican Party. Two of them were accused of having ibreatheen civil servants with firearms while they were in office, and thus enjoyed parliamentary immunity.

Observers here noted the care shown by the military rulers to observe legal forms; all persons detained after the coup of September 12 having been either freed or arrested by courts before the end of the 30-day detention period imposed shortly after the takeover.

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ceedings before the Israeli Supreme Court.

As a condition of the hearing both mayors signed an affidavit pledging to abide by the rules imposed by the Israeli military government and denouncing inflammatory statements attributed to them in the press. Their case will be considered by Mrs Felicia Litager, a left-wing Jewish lawyer.

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Golf

Lyle faces Norman in matchplay final with a special flavour

By John Hennessy
Sandy Lyle, who faces Greg Norman of Australia, in the final of the world matchplay tournament, speaks to *The Sunday Times* after yesterday's semi-finals. "He's going to be after my guts," he said. The final, indeed, carries a special flavour as a result of events elsewhere—but first things first.

Lyle, the first Briton to reach the final since the inaugural event 16 years ago, and Norman had comfortable victories in yesterday's semi-finals, beating respectively Peter Jacobsen, of the United States, and Bernard Gallacher, the other Scot who survived the early rounds, by the same handsome margin, six and five and three.

The semi-final round had been postponed from Saturday because of the atrocious weather and the course's T-bird-sided nature of the two matches added to the general atmosphere of anti-climax and as early as half past three the gum-booted spectators were struggling their way back from distant parts of the course under a heavy shower. Fainter though he undoubtedly is, seemed outgunned from the start and, if Jacobsen seemed more of a match for Lyle, he could rarely come to terms with his putting. He took four birdies and three from only five feet on another. This is no recipe for facing Lyle. In his present form, a man good enough to have beaten George Archer, the Indian, Steve St. John and Five and Isao Aoki, winner two years ago, by five and four in earlier rounds.

On the first hole in the morning, Norman struck first, hitting the ball on the third iron from a lie left of the fairway. He hit the put and the ball nestled no more than nine inches from the hole. From a distance of about 200 yards he struck the ball with an accuracy that the ball with superb accuracy.

And yet the same man, such is the perverse nature of a game that alternately thrills and frustrates, needed three more putts to his putting to par, drop the ball home from 10 yards at the next. The disparity in length between the two men was such that it was here on and around the greens that Gallacher's main hope of salvation lay. Again, Norman had four at the first, shot home the first, the fifth, and Gallacher was again back to square, having had to concede the fourth.

So the match seemed for a time, but when Norman found his touch again, and especially when he lunched four up and won the first two holes afterwards. He again had an eagle at the first, so away



Photograph by Malcolm Clark

with his four iron this time, but he had birdie from all sorts of feet, and took his revenge on the second with a 15-foot putt for a two. He reached the turn in 33 to be five under par for 27 holes, the only achievement of a huge psychological advantage over Jacobsen, who had won 1-0 with Liverpool, the champions; and if any one doubted whose was the moral victory, Mr. Robson put them straight.

This team, he said, have class, they have character, they have style. They had played Liverpool at their own game, astoundingly holding up midfield authority. "Today we arrived," he asserted. "But it's only just begun. If we can maintain this, we'll be right up there." Liverpool under pressure for the next two or three years. They're not going to stay there. They're going to stay there, but we can be with them. If we fail to come here, we would be afraid of what we would be afraid of."

It was an estimable game that justified such sardonics praise and the only misgivings concerning Mr. Robson were those that concerned himself, conceding that the past injuries had often restricted Ipswich and in the future it was necessary to realize the problems of maintaining standards set by the great McCall. Yet, given more reserves of the calibre of McCall, the outstanding midfield player of the match, the task will be less daunting.

For the opposition to provide the opposition to provide the Anfield is a remarkable fact. But here Liverpool's energy source, Souness, McDermott, Kennedy and Lee, were matched at their own business. In the end they were beaten to the spoils of victory.

Birdie shot over Bob Paisley, the Liverpool manager, whose furrow for the opposition rarely survives the first hip-hip, conceded that much to Ipswich.

With Brian Clough, Ipswich manager, a man with

Football

Ipswich have arrived and intend to stay

By Norman Ferguson

Football Correspondent

Liverpool 1, Ipswich 2. Ipswich, by the looks of things, of most managers, after match results, that they, the champions, were the home side and should not be playing square-pastes across the defence to keep possession. It was an accurate commentary on Liverpool's last few matches, but it was not the whole truth.

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Racing

Recitation the last word in courage

From Desmond Strohman
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, Oct 12

The French were routed at Longchamp this afternoon where colts trained in England and Ireland took the first two places in France's most important two-year-old event, the group one Grand Critérium. At the end of a two-run mile, the God Harcourt-trained Recitation was a short head in front of Critique, who had been sent from Ireland by Vincent O'Brien. The favourite, Dunphy, was a length away third, a short head in front of Cresta Rider, Great Substance and Watchdog.

Recitation had won three of his seven races and never beat out of the first three. After the race, Gresille Starkey commented: "Recitation has a great heart; he never gives in." Har-

wood added: "He is a really nice colt, but I have one much better, Cresta Rider, which is worth over £50,000 to Anthony Bodde, its owner, Recitation's finest victory came in the Coventry Stakes at Ascot.

Robert Sangster, who has a part share in Critique with John Mulcahy, was pleasantly surprised with the colt's excellent showing. Paul Eddery said: "I had a feeling he'd be a 'wed-horn' type. The colt's with a little green." This description was the same as Freddie Head used for Dunphy, who was under pressure even when entering the straight. At the furlong post, Cresta Rider was fractionally ahead of Recitation, with Head and Dunphy on the outside. The visitors had the race to themselves inside the final half-furlong, but the further, Dunphy

went the faster he closed on the leaders.

Cresta Rider was given every chance by Philippe Paquet, but the colt could not pull out any more.

Paquet thought the soft ground could have played a part, but did also mention the fact that Cresta Rider had never raced on a racing course before today.

The pair of Royalists went to Gerald Oldfield's stables by three-quarters of a length from the favourite, Gold River, with the former English Kerrera two lengths away, third. Mariella, who was thought to be classic material at the beginning of the year, will run next in the Prix du Jockey Club (French St Leger) on October 26-28. Oldfield said last night that Mariella's famous dam, Zambara, had died from a bout of colic while in foal to Tap on Wood. Zambara has also pro-

duced Sagar (three wins in the Ascot Gold Cup) and Mariella's full brother, Rapido, who won the Hardwicks Stakes at Ascot in June.

The French are also sending a powerful team for next Saturday's Champion Stakes. Last year's winner, Northern Baby, will be ridden by Maurice Tanguy and Mario Hidalgo also. Mr Oldfield's Corvado, for whom Lester Piggott has been booked, The French 2,000 Guineas winner, In Fiji, will be ridden by Alfred Gibert and Alain Leguevin who is on board Nadjar, who so far this season has picked up the group one Prix d'Alspach and Prix du Jockey Club. The group two will play its role as Northern Baby and In Fiji need a good fast surface and Corvado and Nadjar may be able to dig their feet in.

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The night of the big fight outside the ring

I have reported crowd disturbances in boxing arenas in São Paulo, Brazil, Rome, Philadelphia, USA, Leicester, and Portrush and other places; but it had to be in Ireland that the fighting outside the ring was better than the one inside.

The bout between Billy Kelly of Londonderry, British featherweight champion, and Charlie Hill of Glasgow, was good as title fights go.

The King's Hall, Belfast, was a cockpit of hell that February night in 1956. It made the recent Wembley affair look like a little local difficulty.

Normally all Mr George Connell, the promoter, had to do to get an 18,000 crowd was to pit a good Roman Catholic boy against a good Protestant.

But that night Mr Connell had done what politicians still had failed to achieve. There was a United Ireland behind their darling boy Kelly against the challenger, Scotland's new Bonnie Prince Charlie.

I had seen plenty of excitement there before, particularly when Terry Monaghan of London fought Rinky Monaghan of Belfast, the world flyweight champion, to a draw in September, 1949.

That was a bad night, for Terry's barrow boy fans. Whenever a few fistcuffs flew it was always that police night-sticks which seemed to prefer their heads to their rivals. The draw meant that Monaghan kept his title, and the peace. He kept those Irish eyes smiling with a song from the ring in his charming way.

To stoke up their fervour in Irish fashion the fans used to drink all day in bars like Kelly's Cellar. By the time the first bell went for the main event they were white-faced with passion which needed only one courageous spark to explode.

More so that night. It was a big fight. They roared thunderously when Kelly had Hill down for a count of two in the second round, and in the twelfth when Hill's left eye closed from a mighty right cross.

Hill, rubber-legged and giddy-eyed, somehow fought back. At the end of the thirteenth round a Belfast colleague asked me how I had scored it so far. I said: "Kelly's ahead. But I wouldn't be surprised if the referee gives it to Hill."

He laughed: "You must be

Tom Phillips

taken in by the Labour Party is facing a desperate crisis. It is incapable of providing effective opposition to a radical and apparently unsuccessful government, and its own achievements in office (remember the 8 per cent inflation rate) have been ignored. The blatant split within the party at Blackpool will



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westernists who gave us Vietnam and the Shah of Iran.

Indeed, the economist-con-

to-for-economy is afflicted by a acute sense of *deja vu*.

In foreign policy, it seems, as in economic policy, each successive failure of policy is greeted with obvious relish: "For the past two weeks scarcely any complaint has come from Tehran—or from guilt-ridden Americans—in its behalf—regarding the historic sin of the great Satan, Uncle Sam, in foisting unnecessary weapons on the Shah."

"Nor has the Shah's view that Iran was threatened not only from Russia and Afghanistan but also by a Soviet-supplied Iraq been obviously discredited. Indeed, the Shah's foresight may even salvage his successor. One need not anticipate any early expression

of gratitude by the Ayatollah.

Messrs Wilson, Heath and

Healey been needlessly sac-

red by the bigotry of Mrs

Thatcher.

Warning has been given in this space before—and doubtless will be again—to beware the "Sherlock Holmes fallacy," namely that "when you have eliminated everything else, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." Valid as it may be in the detection of crime, it is no guarantee that the policy guarantees the success of the alternative, whether in economics or in foreign policy, especially when it too has failed consistently in the past.

If the Ayatollah can, with western embarrassment in the

Gulf, is the Khomeini revolution, then it is to the cause and conditions for success of their revolution that foreign policy makers must look. To believe that it was caused or even made possible by other

aspects of western foreign policy is

to disregard every serious

analysis of the revolution and

its antecedents and to ignore

completely the political realities

of Iran in the last years of the Shah.

It was indeed western policy

from 1953, when the CIA re-

tovered the Shah, to the early

1970s, when the West encou-

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Bundestag he said that he
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the party of the workers
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1957, however, Adenauer had
managed to win 50 percent of
the vote while the SPD still a
Marxist party remained stuck
at 30 per cent. The party
leadership then decided to ren-

their back formally on Marxism
and state control was at the
Bad Godesberg conference in

1959, they officially adopted a
set of democratic and pro-

market guiding principles.

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gained 35 per cent of the vote
by 1969 it achieved 40 per cent
and in 1972 with over 45 per
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to become the largest party in
Parliament. Despite the severe
recession and uncertainty of the
1970s it has lost barely 2 per
cent since then. And its mem-
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leadership of the British labour
Party should now go for the
same set of policies. They
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of gratitude by the Ayatollah. None the less, the Shah's legacy does provide the equipment and stocks for effective combat."

The implications of this and much more of the same stamp is that global stability—and with it western strategic and economic interests—were being well-preserved in the good old days of the Nixon doctrine (to say nothing of containment and automatic support for any anti-communist regime) in the days of Mr Dean Acheson and Mr John Foster Dulles or of the days of Mr Johnson and Mr Carter. Just so have the won-

derful economic miracles of Messrs Wilson, Heath and Bealey been needlessly sacrificed by the bigotry of Mrs Thatcher.

Warning has been given in this space before—and doubtless will be again—to beware the "Sherlock Holmes fallacy," namely that "when you have eliminated everything else, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." Valid as it may be in the detection of crime, it is no guarantee that the policy guarantees the success of the alternative, whether in economics or in foreign policy, especially when it too has failed consistently in the past.

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West Germany than it now is in Britain. There is some truth in this. But the fact that the power of the left-wing members of the Labour Party is greater than that of left-wing SPD members is mainly the product of Labour's traditionalism and its organisational strengths.

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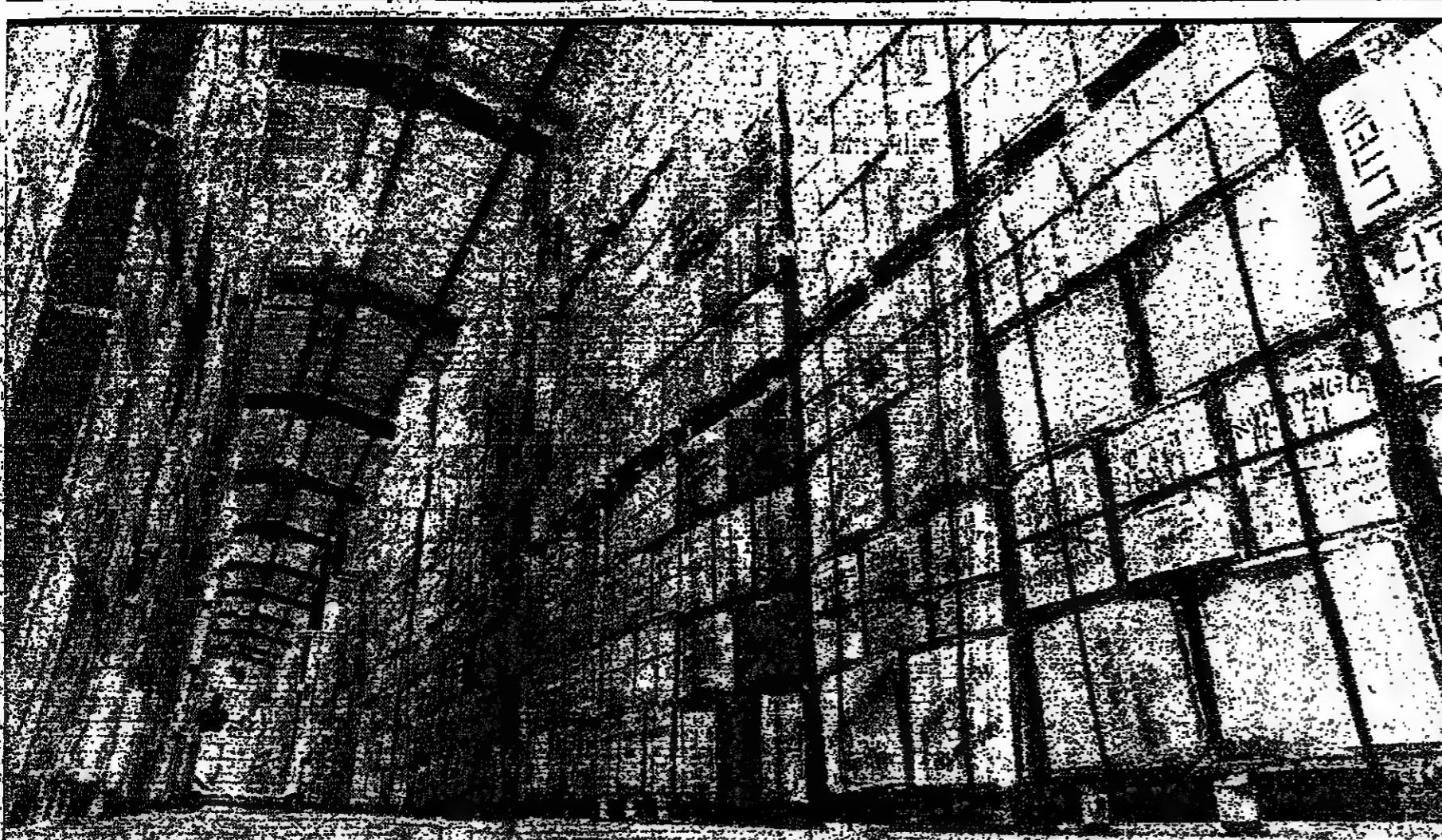
Yet against this difference one must set the practical truth that the SPD's relationship with the West German trade union movement is very intimate. The Deutsche Gewerkschafts-Bund (DGB) supports the SPD's policies less strongly than the TUC supported Labour's ones. For, with the dramatic exception of its final year in office, the TUC did give real assistance to Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey. The SPD's laws on co-determination in industry and on the extension of nuclear power are designed to appeal to trade unionists and the British obsession that proximity to trade unionism is a hallmark of success.

One is therefore entitled to ask whether there are any lessons which the Labour Party might learn from the SPD. It is, of course, simplistic to imagine that Labour could copy the SPD's policies lock, stock and barrel. Yet there are grounds for arguing that by following the example of German Social Democracy in a number of key areas, the British Labour Party could do itself and its true supporters, a great deal of good.

There are, of course, important historical differences between the SPD and Labour. The SPD entered politics in 1945, believed that the only way to re-create a decent and socially responsible democracy in West Germany was in alliance between the organized labour movement and the progressive and democratic parts of the electorate. The SPD's leadership beyond the working-class assumed that the SPD had historically been a party of the working-class, and that the SPD could never come to power.

At the same time, the SPD's leadership was able to increase its support by becoming more left-wing. By polarising, within its ranks, groups who are actually opposed to Social-Democracy, the Labour Party is robbing itself of a golden chance to increase its membership.

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Handover to Indian planters "being done so nicely"

Mr. L. S. Kumar (right), is group manager of the Craigmore estate in the Nilgiris, with a workforce of 2,500. An Indian, one of many who now manage almost all the tea estates in India, he has been part of the gradual handover since independence from the largely British-owned estates. He trained with a British planter and now runs an estate perched 5,000 feet over forests of cashew trees, blue gum, sandalwood and sheer waterfalls.

Mr. Kumar is kind, shrewd and occasionally gets emotional about the history of tea, a history recorded by thumb prints in pay columns, or in the handwritten ledgers and disciplinary records kept by previous generations.

Today he plans advanced programmes for the estate, replacing bushes that are beyond their best production. "The soil is raped," he says, chewing on a cigar, "but happily tea is not temperamental and survives in spite of the tea planters."

The "Indianization" of the tea estates has brought its changes. Government legislation means that estate managers are expected to provide schools, hospitals and adequate housing for their workers.

Not all tea estates run smoothly and happily; there are labour problems and badly managed estates. But at Craigmore, there is a well equipped hospital, and a resident doctor, and trained



nursing staff. Mr. Kumar's wife, Wendy, does her own social work among the workers and their families—and looks after seven creches.

Chris Allen (above), one of the last of the English planters, is considered one of the finest tea planters in India. Kit next March he leaves for good. When he sailed for Assam 30 years ago there were 2,000 British planters. Now there are six.

He says that the handover to Indian planters has been done so nicely—so gradually. They are not chucking people out either—but it is time to go.

Mr. Allen's estate, Keyhung, in upper Assam, is

varied. He runs seven estates with 18,000 employees. Apart from maintaining a superb production level, he introduced a revolutionary way of planting tea called "the Fishscale method" which makes the crop look like a shimmering bed of shiny green scales all tucked into each other.

He has also used the luster of a soil fed by the Brahmaputra to do a bit of kitchen gardening. He supplies the whole district with excellent tomatoes, has a fine herd of cows and rabbits and pigeons.

Chris Allen met his bride Barbara at Hampton Court in 1945 and they were married in Calcutta Cathedral in 1951.

In view of India's overpopulation he thought birth control should be encouraged on Keyhung and decided to set an example. He called his workers together and said he would be limiting his own family to two. He and his wife would have one child and then leave a gap of 10 years before the next was born. A man of his word, he did exactly that.

The example was effective. Mr. Allen points with pride to empty beds in the maternity wing of the hospital at Keyhung, which also has schools, adequate housing and social centres.

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In and around the office blocks forming Sir John Lyon House are the Tea Council, the International Tea Committee, and a number of bodies representing brokers, traders, buyers, and warehousemen. Individual companies also have premises there.

On Monday mornings auctions are held in a room overlooking the river. Brokers bid for tea from many countries—India, Sri Lanka, a dozen African states, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Malaya, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Argentina, Brazil and Ecuador

formula, and the drums are weighed until a thorough mixture is achieved.

Assembling materials for a particular blend may not be a simple task. Some may be already in store in the packer's own warehouse, perhaps imported direct from the producing country. Others could be held at independent warehouses on the outskirts of London, or at Liverpool, Manchester, Avonmouth or Banbury.

Mr. R. D. G. Gray, director of a warehousing firm, said: "Originally, warehouses were on riverside wharves, but they moved away because of the decline in traffic through London. In the mid-1960s, the figure last year was 9 per cent, with 41 per cent going through Avonmouth".

He said about four million chests, each containing some 48 kilos of tea, came into the country each year. Generally, consignments remained in store from three to six months, but financial stringency had led to some despatching.

Smooth dialogue in the auction room depends on expert knowledge of the tea going under the gavel. Brokers have reports from tea tastings which take place in another room where samples of the tea on offer are brewed in carefully measured quantities twice as strong as housewives make it. Skilled tasters look at the dry tea, then at the grounds and, at a small basin of the brew, before tasting a large spoonful and spitting it out. The tea can be taken with or without milk, but not with sugar.

Apprentices to this craft are given two basic rules: "Don't mix the spoon, and don't knock it over." It is the tasters' assessments which guide bidders in deciding what the lots are worth.

Tasting is also the basis for blending different consignments which decides the contents of the mass-selling lines seen on supermarket shelves and in television commercials, and some less well publicized brands which go abroad or are bought by caravans. Modern blends contain tea from between 20 and 30 different shipments from individual estates.

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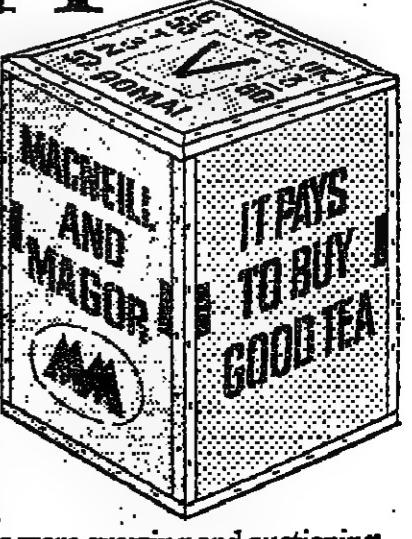
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These Chinese paintings show (left) the firing, or "roasting", of the leaves as they move slowly through hot air chambers and (right) the tea being sorted and dried in the open air.

The beverage with an image problem

Marketing tea in Britain has one main difficulty. Tea has been around for so long — 12 months ending next August comes from products that almost everyone takes for granted. Yet a glance at long-term trends will convince any tea drinker that the danger of complacency — although tea still provides 70 per cent of all tea produced — comes from big tea companies like Brooke Bond, Lyons Teabags and the Co-op. Accepts for nearly 70 per cent of all beverages drunk in Britain, consumption has been falling steadily since the mid-1960s, and for more than 80 per cent since 1970.

The Tea Council's task is to promote tea generally rather than any particular brand. It does this through television and magazine advertisements and through changing social habits — public relations and education — together with the increased cartoon programme.

Popularity of instant coffee, Mr. Jim Munday, who from the early 1960s, and worked for French Golden Farnham, Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic, apples and other drinks are a constant English batter before joining the tea industry. For not only other hot drinks, but June 1978, is an enthusiastic every form of beverage is believed in the benefits of regarded as a competitor by generic promotion. He

points out that the decline

in tea sales has been halted only twice in the past 20 years — in the 1960s and during 1979 and 1980. Each time the improvement has coincided with a big advertising campaign. The improvement may have been only a small percentage but in such a high market as tea where retail sales are valued at about £200m a year, even a small increase in sales is worth a great deal to the industry.

The Tea Council believes in taking a thoroughly professional approach to promotion. While slogans such as "Tea is the best drink of the day" may look casual and unimaginative, when the tea industry serves a television screen, each spot is carefully researched and evaluated.

The current series of television commercials with the slogan "The best drink of the day" was launched in November, 1977, only after detailed tests to ensure that they would influence young housewives. The campaign appeared after an interval of about five or six years when Tea Council activities were concentrated on cheaper public relations exercised.

The previous big television campaign — the "Join the tea set" series of advertisements — appeared in the late 1960s to counter the inroads of the coffee bar craze, which had swept across Britain. The tea industry wanted to show that its product could be just as fashionable for teenagers as its instant coffee rival.

Fashions change, however, and the brittle jouniness of the "Join the tea set" theme no longer matched the austere mood of the oil crisis in the late 1970s. When the tea industry decided to resume consumer advertising in 1978, a new approach to advertising was needed. The "Best drink of the day" advertisements were intended to encourage tea drinking at all times of day and night, and to remind young housewives and young mothers that tea is not just a drink for older people.

These advertisements promote tea drinking much more subtly than the blunt "Drink more tea" slogan used shortly after the last war — but the basic message is still the same.

Apart from the absence of branding, there are fundamental differences between the objectives of the Tea Council's advertisements and those used by the tea companies. Brooke Bond's PG Tips chimpanzee

advertisements for instance, which first appeared in 1956 and are the longest running series of commercials on British television — are designed for confirmed tea drinkers, and are cosy and familiar. The Tea Council's Campaign, on the other hand, is aimed at potential new users of tea and those who are less certain about it. The intention is not so much to generate instant sales as to change attitudes. The Price Commission in 1978 estimated that more than a third of the tea companies' promotional budgets went on cut price and other inducements for specified short periods.

The Tea Council has a wide range of public relations activities, using different methods to achieve the same objectives. For example, it sponsors the Keep Fit Association, which has a membership of 20,000 young women who are persuaded to keep fit with tea, because tea with lemon has no calories. Keep Fit Association events include a national festival at the Albert Hall with 1,000 performers and audiences of 4,000. Last year about 50,000 participated with tea sessions at Butlin's Holiday Centres.

Moving further down the age scale are the educational aids offered to schools and teachers. While educationists might be reluctant to use wallcharts, films and other advertising material for a particular brand they welcome industry studies tracing the various stages of tea from bush to supermarket shelf. "This is where generic promotions can win every time over branded advertising", Mr. Munday said.

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New methods may replace the vanishing chest

New techniques are having a profound effect on the handling factor in tea, on the packaging of tea, on tea quality, and on tea marketing. Through the Tea Council, the product is promoted together with instant, powdered, and other forms of tea. Instant tea is virtually unknown, and still largely unused, though it partly replaces tea bags. The tea bag is a comparatively low-cost item, and it is used because labour costs are comparatively low.

Probably the most extensive research and development has gone into improving tea bags, which now account for half the tea drunk in Britain. In 1970 tea bags accounted for only 10 per cent of tea drunk. The development of long-fibre tea bags has solved the problem of finding a simple method to bind the two parts of which some consumers complained, having been producing a paper that would allow liquid to filter through it without losing its strength when wet.

The price is comparable with that of packed tea, and even exotic up-market varieties are sold in bags. Manufacturers claim that tea bags are more economical than packed tea because the portmolas are rigidly con-

Dexter Corporation, the United States-based company which pioneered the use of hemp long fibres as a non-woven material for various uses, including tea bags, has a British offshoot in Berwickshire, where recent research has concentrated on producing materials that can withstand the high speed of modern tea bag filling machinery.

Technologists are still debating over whether tea bags should have holes or whether thick areas of the tea should be varied with thin porous ones.

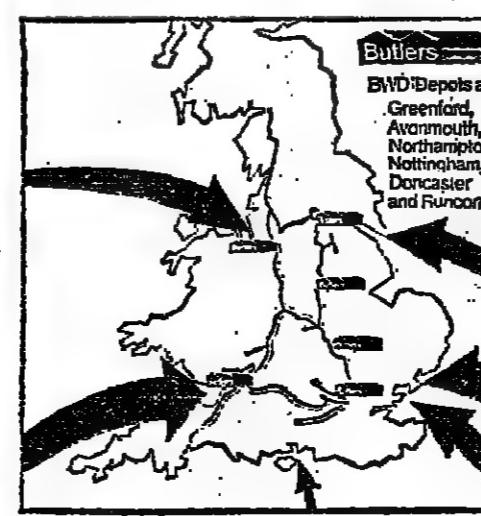
The Dexter Corporation is working on a technique to increase the proportion of porous areas.

The trade is undergoing changes even more radical than the use of the tea bag.

The familiar foil-lined plywood tea-chest still accounts for much of the distribution of the world's tea supplies, but may soon be superseded by cheaper packaging. The chests cost about £2 each made up in India or Kenya, but usually make only one trip. Four million come into Britain every year and nobody quite knows where they all go.

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Sri Lanka: a fight to regain lost ground

Sri Lanka, one of the world's leading tea producers, is fighting to regain popularity of soft drinks which have taken a large slice of the beverage markets. Tea is still the tea. The Talaawakalai scientific research institute is encouraged by the export, but the unhappy fact that when tea in a can was introduced in Indonesia, between 1972 and 1976, severe droughts and to Coca-Cola.

Intense research is also going on into finding ways of increasing the yield of tea plants. For conservation reasons, the Government has forbidden any further felling of trees, so no more land is available for tea cultivation. Tea covers 594,000 acres (240,000 hectares) and it is vital that higher-yield, high-country plants are developed.

Research is concentrating on plants which produce middle-grade tea suitable for use in teas. It is hoped that this will enable Sri Lanka to regain its place in the market.

Plans are under way for the production of tea in cans, lemon tea, tea bottles, tea cordials and carbonated tea. It is hoped that when they come on the market, in about five years' time,

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Africa: an eagerness to export

Although Kenya is the dominant tea producer in Africa, several other countries have increased their output steadily. But war and politics have clouded the picture in parts of the continent.

Africa's influence on world markets rests principally on the fact that most of the states whose production runs into thousands of tonnes consume little themselves. Consequently, they are eager to export.

An example is South Africa, which bought 15,521 tonnes in 1979. Ten years ago its imports were higher, because domestic production was negligible. Now the country grows 5,200 tonnes a year, a reduction to the general ban on trade with it imposed by its neighbours.

Out of its production of 32,609 tonnes last year, Malawi sold more than 31,000 tonnes abroad, and some sales go through the auction market at Libreville.

Near in importance, statistically, are Mozambique, where the figures have risen after dipping during the independence in the mid-1970s, and Tanzania.

In 1972, Uganda was second only to Kenya as a tea producer, but its output had dwindled to under 2,000 tonnes last year, after the political upheavals in that country. Plantations are being rehabilitated, but it will take time to restore the bulk supply of leaf suitable for exports.

Zimbabwe entered independence with annual production nearly 10,000 tonnes, some 30 per cent up on figures for 1975-77.

Other African countries with plantations include Burundi, Cameroon, Mauritius, Rwanda, and Zaire.

The Malagasy Republic also has one estate.

Countries in the socialist belt, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Burundi, have been using their tea to buy another country to feed a population which is rising rapidly, and the sometimes violent return of people who receive a better education.

London broker said: "Africa

is still being considered.

For the moment the disadvantages probably outweigh the advantages. To sell in London, China would have to ship and land the tea with no idea of what price it would fetch. It

would be packing of all tea into standard international size chests and development of shipment on pallets and containers.

The next step in the

coming-of-age of China's black tea will be when some

is offered in the London

auctions. So far, China has

sold all its tea directly, and

on some occasions packages

have been offered, say, to

the United States, but not to

Britain. The grade sets this

as a consistent supply of tea

to the London auctions.

It would mean shipping it

back if it did not reach the

reserve.

The money from the sale

would not be paid until two

weeks afterwards, or perhaps

as much as four months

from the date of shipment.

It may even pay to see aside

sections of the industry to

offer specially for selected

foreign markets at least

until the time when yields

and qualities and quantities

allow additional tea to be

offered.

If someone is to buy

Chinese tea for its blend

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Reports on major producing centres are on this and the facing page

India: caught in an economic pincer

India's tea producers find themselves caught unprepared in an economic pincer.

Two years ago India produced a record 570 million kg of tea. The expert view is that production in the current year could go to 590 million kg. Even 600 million kg has been predicted.

During the next 20 years, tea output this year will reach a record level. The

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Left: Tea ready for consumption is created for export. Smallholders now occupy more than half the acreage under production. Right: Temperature controls are carefully maintained during the processing, which includes 18 minutes of 'fixing'.

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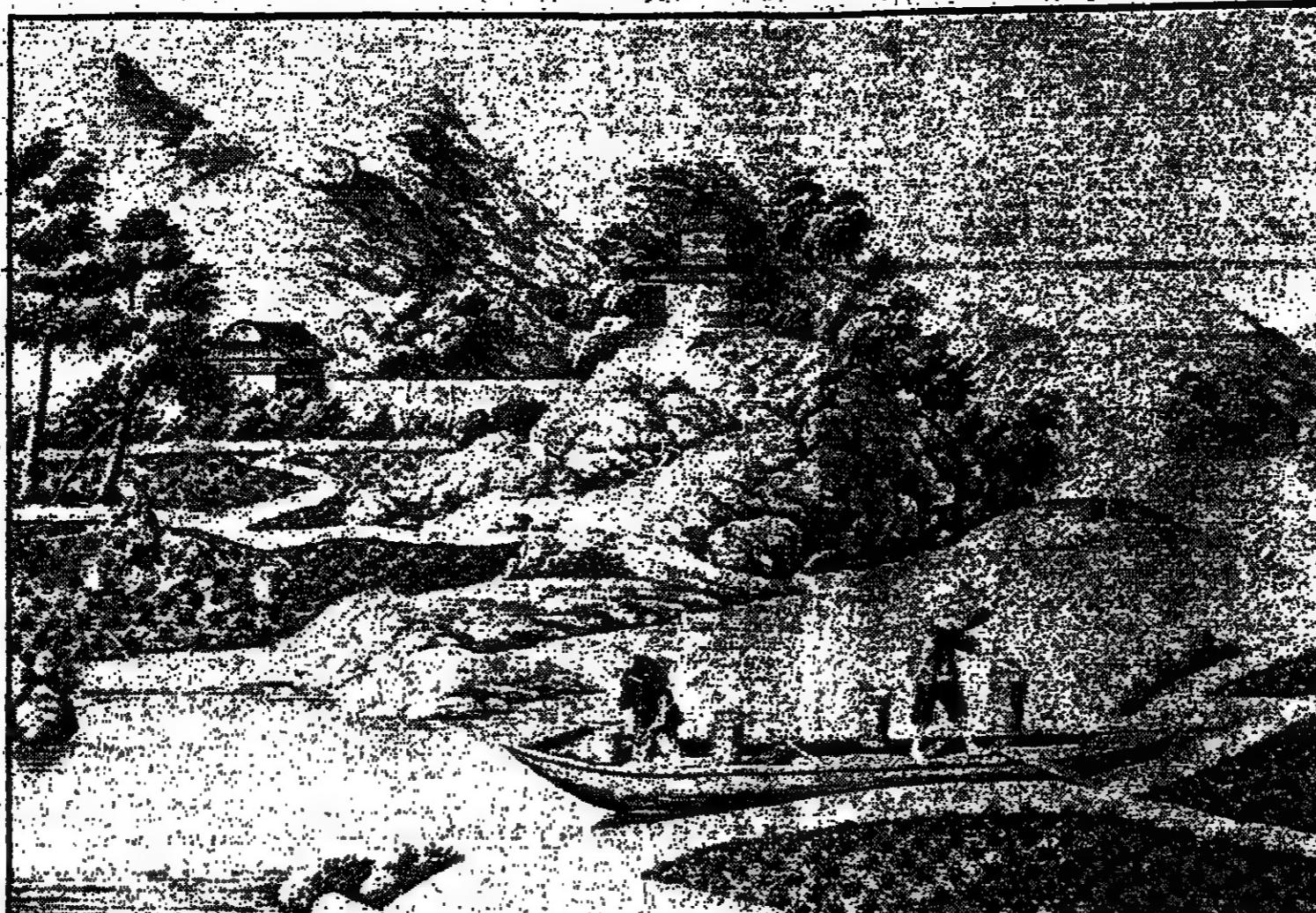
The tea industry is something of a jigsaw puzzle, made up of producers, merchants, buyers, brokers, dealers and promoters. This interdependence leads the men in it to get together frequently, whether in national or international bodies, or at supranational gatherings organised by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Wherever and whenever they meet, the general theme is of too much tea chasing prices that are too low. The average cup, taken with milk and sugar, can be produced for a penny. A broker said: "The auction price of tea in real terms has never been lower since the war. What we really want to see is better tea produced."

It is not in the nature of consumers to heed such complaints. They remember that in 1970 they could buy a quarter-pound packet for the equivalent of 7d, and often it carried some kind of stamp or other rebate. However, in the last three years, in increases in shelf prices cover among other costs, the introduction of metal canning and a larger pack.

Nor have these increased yet filtered back to producers. Tea imports into Britain are running at some 200,000 tonnes a year, half of it sold at the London auctions. Average prices so far in 1980 have been down on last year's figure of 102p a kilo, which itself is much lower than the 1978 price. However, traders hope to see a firm market for medium and better quality products before

The fall is partly a reaction from 1977, when a shortage of tea encouraged speculative buying which at one stage drove prices in London well above 22 a kilo. Shoppers rebelled, causing a sharp retreat. But stocks had been built up and producers round the caterers had dropped.



This is one of a set of 13 paintings, which are in the Peabody Museum, Salem, Massachusetts. They were painted in about 1800 by an unknown artist, and tell the story of the cultivation and production of tea through 18 main stages. Although they are 180 years old, the illustrations are still accurate today. The tea bushes are planted in rows, and the tea is harvested by hand and dried in the sun. The tea is then packed and sent to market.

The Chinese paintings of tea production are reproduced by permission of the Peabody Museum of Salem, Massachusetts, United States.

Now more blenders, who brokers would like to see obtain a better return per unit, are turning to hotels, restaurants and cafés, either direct or to ordinary retail teas.

"Tea is a variable product," a council spokesman said, "if you want something cheaper, you can get it. We found the quality bought by large-scale tasters. Some producers and

traders would like to see a classification of independent quality-conscious, we can produce better tea, and

they failed to agree on how the available cake should be divided.

They agreed in principle to a no-limit export quota. United Nations Council for Trade and Development labelled one, two or three Board of India, said: "If the tea boom follows, more year 10 of the world's leading exporters will be asked to approach the industry's perhaps for the consumer, for the next conference.

Such moves are not new. Another traditional producer is Sri Lanka. When The Times published a Special Report on tea in 1970, Mr W. Wilson Mayne, under the heading "Swift action needed to save an industry in危急", wrote:

"The usual price of tea to the United Kingdom consumer has remained unchanged for more than a decade. For the past two years the countries concerned have been feeling their way towards some scheme of regulation of exports. Britons were then just emerging from a campaign urging them to join the tea set."

A broker said to me: "Before the war, the colonial powers could dictate what happened in India, Ceylon and Indonesia. Then came independence, higher taxes, and the arrival of African producers as a major factor in the London market."

American consumption per head is small and taken in eccentric. It generally "ranks" in the Third World countries. It makes America an attractive market. Perhaps dried and processed close to the plantation (which produces more jobs), and many United States also import black tea.

In these circumstances, poor countries are reluctant to limit production.

Although Britain is the biggest importer, the real giant of the tea world is India, with the highest production and highest total consumption. Generally, rising production is matched by an increasing population. But

perhaps standard is so bland that makes difference whether to bagged or not. Since time, pooling, the drinker insists that should remain unbagged. From year to year, this makes it difficult to persuade consumer to acquire the taste for quality and so forces return to green tea.

Patrick O'I

Legends



Samuel Pepys was so excited by his first taste, he entered it in his diary saying on September 23, 1660, that he did send, for a cup of tea (a Chinese drink) of which I never drank before.

It received the royal seal of approval when King Charles II married a Portuguese princess, Catherine of Braganza. She invited the ladies of the English court by calling them she had been drinking tea for a long time before she came to Britain.

From 1664 the merchants of the East India Company, never slow to miss a chance of promoting sales, sent gifts of tea to the court and humbly noted that it had been well received by the King. The enjoyment of tea in royal circles, tormented the fashionable who became demented in their search for these dry little Chinese leaves.

One hostess, entertaining King Louis XIV, a century later, was anxious to impress the poor. She had secured two lb of tea but thought it should be treated like cabbage or swedes and boiled it in a most disgusting way and then doted it with butter and salt.

Needless to say the Duchess of Bedford's afternoon teas in the 1780s were most elegant with tea being poured from graceful silver pots and perfectly made "below stairs".

For those of us who hunger for afternoon tea with cucumber and crass sandwiches, crumpets, scones and jam, we have the duchess to thank for its invention. The wife of the seventh Duke of Bedford, thought that there was an awfully long boring gap between lunch and dinner. The duchess used privately to her room for tea and bread and butter. Afternoon tea became a delicious English ritual which was taken all over the empire—sugar tongs, monogrammed table linen, cake forks; sugar tongs and strainers were sent ahead by sea.

Tea was first sold in England by the enterprising Thomas Garraway in 1657 in Exchange Alley, London.

In those days he recommended it for gravel,

scurvy, loss of memory,

looseness, griping of the guts and colic.

Apart from these claims, tea began to be a new and fashionable drink in England.

There is a white house covered with honeysuckles in the Black Mountains in south India, which was once the home of a British tea planter called Colonel Pascoe a bachelor, who was 80 when he died, leaving behind a beautifully-ordered tea estate and a house called Woodland which his ghost is said to haunt.

This habit is often highly disconcerting for his Indian successors. On the first night when they move in, the ghost can be heard noiselessly coining gold sovereigns in a huge safe which is normally locked. He then glides across the highly-polished wooden floor and nudges the new arrivals out of his bed, rattling the mosquito net.

The colonel's old servant Joseph, 71, works in the house, shuffling around in his beige slippers. "Sometimes when I dust the master's room, he taps me on the arm and tries to push me away."

Joseph says, "Put it is not frightening and he always leaves people alone after the first night."

One British planter in India, however wanted to nip away from the garden, used to fasten his glass eyes to one of the silver eucalyptus trees. "I put them on you on the day," he would say. This has a terrifying effect on the pickers, who would usually believe that the planter could still see them even though he was miles away having a pink gin on his verandah.

Rupert Brooke obviously preferred sticky honey to home-made sponge or strawberry jam. Tea has been known about so romantically that it comes as rather a shock to find that Hitler was very partial to it. In a study of the Nazi-leader, Professor Bullock claimed that the Führer was at his most dangerous when he was musing over his verandah.

The Mandarins and

Cannoneers for China

tea was chia, which

converted to English slang, became known as char. But

in the Amoy dialect the same word is t'e.

Caroline Sutherland

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Broadcasting Guide

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.00 am For Schools : Colleges : a good job with prospects for them and us syndrome; 9.20 Microbes and Man; 9.35 Communicate ! Cartoonists ; 10.15 Music Sounds by the sea ; 10.35 Maths : Trigonometry ; 11.00 The Space Shuttle ; 11.25 You and Me.

11.45 For Schools : Colleges : Nuclear Power. Closedown at 12.05.

12.45 News.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One : The legend of Danny MacLeod's reports from Russia finds him in the cathedral city of Zagorsk in the north of Moscow ; 1.45 Camberwick Green ; 2.01 For Schools : Colleges : Words and Pictures ; 2.15 The Space Shuttle ; 2.40 Advice for your First Job Interview. Closedown at 3.00.

3.15 Songs of Praise from the City Temple, Cardiff (1).

3.35 Play School (shown earlier today on BBC 2) ; 4.20 Winsome World : The Great King Solomon ; Eleanor Bron narrating the story of The Great King Solomon ; 4.45 Jaws of the Jungle. Cartoon feature.

turing a female Tarzan of the South American jungle ; 5.00 John Craven's Newground ; 5.05 The Hunt for the missing gold in the studio than there are in the post office today when Brian Banks brings along some rare frogs and toads ; 5.35 The Amazing Adventures of Morph. Tony Hart presents a new series featuring a likeable character called Morph ; 5.45 Nine men, read by Kenneth Kendall ; 5.55 Nationwide including the weekly feature investigating bureaucratic abuse, Watchdog. 6.05 Angels : An old acquaintance of Anna's runs into hospital and is admitted, coinciding with Star Trek ; Captain Kirk is given the task of finding out who, in the year 1968, the Earth was nearly destroyed by a cosmic disaster (c).

6.10 Families : Transplant—Are our parents really dead ? Richard Lindley investigates the problem of the supposedly clinically dead and talks to three people who were once thought to be "brain dead".

6.15 Songs of Praise.

6.20 News with Angela Rippon.

6.25 Film : The Bounty Hunters (1978) starring Yul Brynner.

BBC 2

10.00 am Good for Business. The story of the Wetherton Heath (r). 10.25 Role of the Nurse. Designed for the student nurse. This morning is the first of an occasional series examining "The State of Britain".

10.45 Interval.

11.00 Play School. Presented by Sophie and Ben Thomas. The story is Christine Hewitt's First Day at Camp, 11.25 We're Away. Educational programme to aid people who find it difficult to construct sentences. Closedown at 11.45.

11.45 Let's Go. Brian Rix with advice to help handicapped people live a fuller life (r). Closedown at 12.30.

1.00 Make Your Own Furniture. Hints for do-it-yourself addicts. This afternoon we learn how to make occasional tables. 3.30 Time Out of Mind. Science fiction

writers talk about their work. Today we see Arthur C. Clarke but not wandering along a beach. 3.45 Is There Life After School ? The first of four programmes for schoolchildren. This afternoon What is School For ? (r). Closedown at 4.00. The Piazza della Signoria. Closedown at 6.05.

6.05 Coppelia. Kathryn Harrison narrates the story about a clock made with music by Donatello. 6.10 News. Includes a subtitled syndicate for the hard-of-hearing.

7.20 Living on the Land. The life style of the landlord of Bramham Park, George Lane Fox, with narration by David Gellatly (r). 7.45 Cliffs of Moher. A programme showing the beauty and grandeur of the coast and responsibilities in a dramatised form starring Joan Greenwood.

THAMES

9.30 am For Schools : My World. Comparisons of tallness or length. 9.45 Tracing the course of the River Thames. 10.05 Watch Your Language ! 10.23 Exploring different emotions. 10.40 A look at French words and restaurants. 11.05 Re-cycling rubbish. 11.22 Big Fish and Little Fish—a film to stimulate creative work. 11.39 Comparing the different standards of Victorian education.

12.00 Well Tell You a Story. Christopher Lloydrap with tales for the very young. 12.59 pm Winsome World : Winsome World Show, 12.30 Village Action. A new series featuring Michael Bentine who visits villages in Devon, Dorset and Oxfordshire and sees what has been done by the local communities to help people get together.

1.00 News read by Peter Sissons.

1.20 Thames News with Robin Houston.

1.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. Dorothy Sleighholme presents the first of a new cookery series and with today's guest, Grace Mulligan, looks at the problem of preserving

fruit and vegetables. 2.00 Against the Wind.

2.30 Film : Miss Sadie Thompson (1934) starring Josie Ferrer and Rita Hayworth. Somerset Maugham's Rail is the basis of this story, concerned a society night club estimator, who is marooned on a tropical island surrounded by US Marines. Her behaviour upsets the local preacher and his wife.

4.15 Kidnapped. Alan and David Landsby by Redcoat in episode 7 of Robert Louis Stevenson's masterpiece. 4.45 Clapperboard. Chris Kelly reviews the latest films and talks to James Cagney about the film in which he made his directorial debut in Plain Sight.

5.15 White Light. Sex is the subject today in this programme for young people presented by young people.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News with Andrew Gardner. 6.15 Riches. Dorothy Sleighholme from the motel. 7.00 Give me a Clue. Mike Aspel is in the chair for another round of the chande game between a team of ladies led by Una Stubbs and a team of lads with Lionel Blair as

captain. 7.30 Coronation Street. Another episode of the well acted soap opera. 8.00 Keep it in the Family. Dad hints that he thinks Rita's latest boyfriend may be slightly off-kilter and expects to find out if it is true.

8.30 World in Action : The Road to Brighton Pier. In this first of a welcome new series we follow the march of the jobless from Port Talbot to the Tory party conference in Brighton. As we follow the marchers the cameras also records the reaction of those for and against them in the towns along their route (see Personal Choice).

9.30 Film : The Other Side of Hell (1979) starring Alan Alda. Unhinged. The death of his father Frank Dole commits a number of bizarre acts and is committed to a mental hospital for the criminally insane. Appalled by the brutality in the place he is forced to speak to the authorities.

10.00 News.

10.30 The Other Side of Hell continued.

12.20 Close. Lord Denning reads from the works of his favourite poets.

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